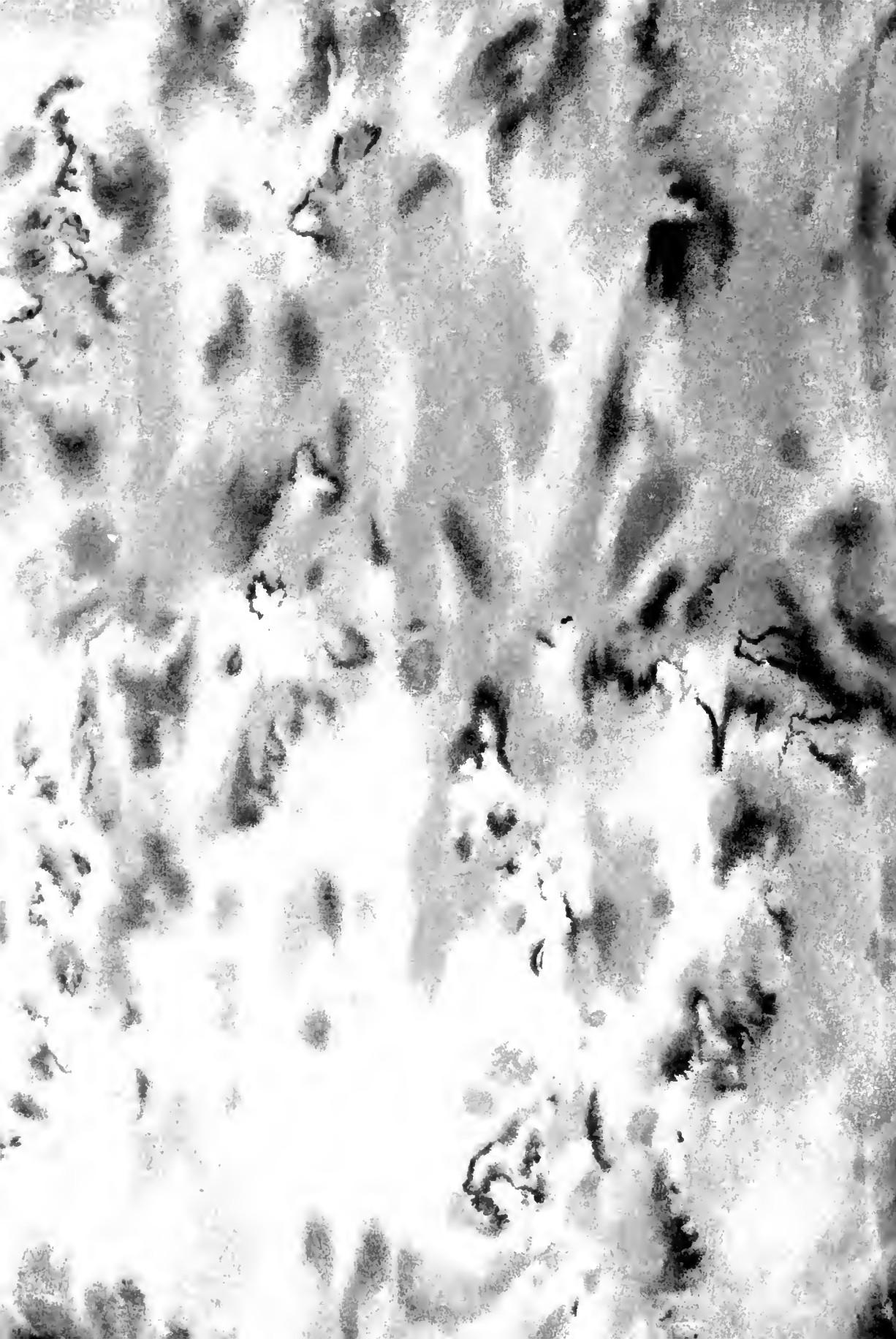
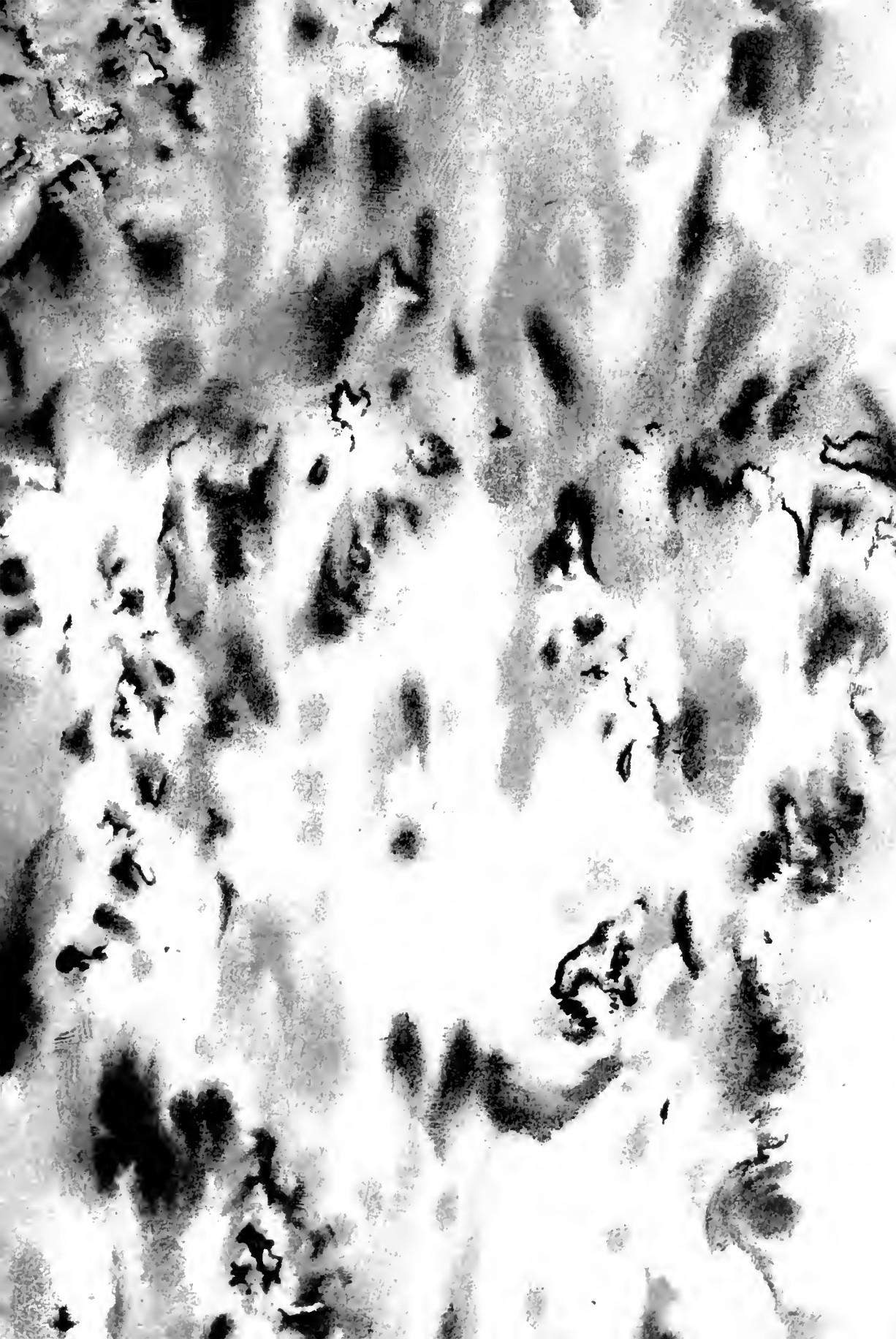


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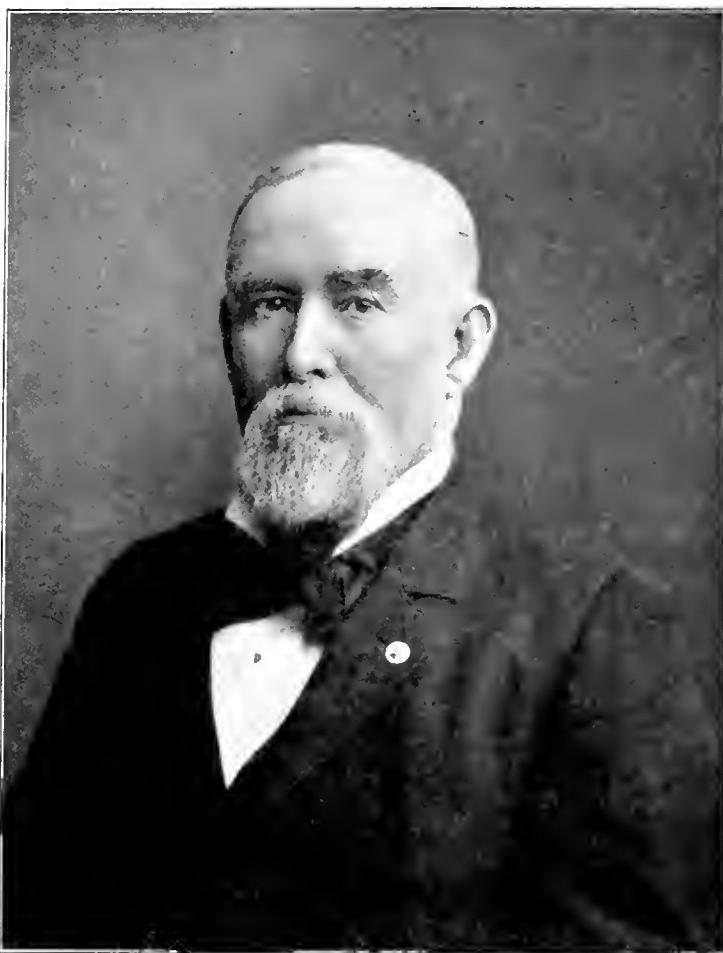
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### HON. JOSEPH R. GORRELL.

That life is the most desirable that results in the greatest good to the greatest number, and, though all do not reach the heights to which they aspire, yet in some measure each can win success and make life a blessing to his fellow men. It is not necessary for one to occupy eminent public positions to do so, for in the humbler walks of life there remains much good to be accomplished and many opportunities for the exercise of talents and influence that in some way will touch the lives of those with whom we come into contact, making them better and brighter. In the list of Jasper county's successful citizens, Hon. Joseph R. Gorrell has long occupied a prominent place. In his record there is much that is commendable, and his character forcibly illustrates what a life of energy can accomplish when plans are wisely laid and actions are governed by right principles, noble aims and high ideals. In his professional career as well as his private life, no word of suspicion has ever been breathed against him. His actions have always been the result of careful and conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he is right, no suggestion of policy or personal profit can swerve him from the course he has decided on, his career being rounded in its beautiful simplicity, for he has done his full duty in all the relations of life, and it is safe to say that no man in Jasper county enjoys to a greater extent the affection and confidence than does Doctor Gorrell. This feeling has been demonstrated for him on more than one occasion, and there is no one who could be more appreciative than Doctor Gorrell when he is made the recipient of signal favors at the hands of friends. The good Doctor has the right of way into the homes of the people and an opportunity to ingratiate himself into the affections of the people, and he has made the best of his opportunities while administering to the sick, in leaving a pleasing and effective impression. For nearly a half century he has been a resident of Newton and a maker of her history. The best part of his life has been given to the service of Jasper county and we are glad to chronicle the fact that this long and faithful service has been rewarded with a competency sufficient to insure his old age from

want. Newton has grown from a village under his eye and he has helped it grow. Besides his modern and attractive residence and a substantial business block, he has erected a number of good dwellings, keeping his surplus money active in building up the town and county and he has done much good in a material way, and he is distinctively one of the notable characters of his day and generation in this locality and is eminently deserving of the high esteem in which he is held and of a place in his country's history.

Doctor Gorrell is the scion of a fine old family of the Buckeye state, he himself having been born near Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, May 6, 1835, being the fifth of a family of ten children born to Joseph and Easter (Glass) Gorrell. Little definite information can be gleaned with reference to the origin and early history of the family, but the ancestry has been traced to continental Europe, either Italy or France. The paternal great-great-grandfather was born on the ocean while his parents were en route to America about 1721, from an island in the Mediterranean sea. Upon arriving in the United States this family located in South Carolina, but later moved to Pennsylvania, in which state Grandfather James Gorrell was born, and there in 1802 occurred the birth of Joseph Gorrell, father of the Doctor, he being one of a family of twenty-one children, nineteen of whom grew to maturity. Three brothers served in the war of 1812. About 1825 Joseph Gorrell went to Ohio and in 1845 he moved to Wells county, Indiana, where he remained until his death in 1888, his wife having died there in 1877.

The maternal grandfather, James Glass, was born in Pennsylvania, to which state his father had emigrated from Scotland. Little is known of the Glass family.

Doctor Gorrell passed his boyhood upon his father's farm, where he laid the foundation for a sturdy manhood by working in the fields during the crop seasons. When seventeen years of age he entered an academy for one year, then spent three years in a Presbyterian college at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he mastered the ancient classics and gained a thorough scientific education. He began reading medicine with Dr. J. R. McCleary, at Bluffton, Indiana, and later he took a course of lectures in the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, later entering the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated in February, 1859. He had made a very creditable record at all these institutions and, thus well equipped, he opened an office at Newville, Dekalb county, Indiana, in August, 1859, and there he remained until the fall of 1863, enjoying a very satisfactory patronage. Then his patriotic impulses led him to offer his services to his country during the dark days of the great rebellion, entering the service as a surgeon of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, continuing in that capacity until the close of the war, performing his duties in such a manner as to reflect credit upon

himself, to win the high esteem of his comrades and the hearty commendation of his superior officers. Seeking a new field for his operations, Doctor Gorrell came to Newton, Iowa, at the close of the war and here he has since resided, enjoying an ever-growing and lucrative practice and soon taking rank with the leading physicians and surgeons of the state, always keeping fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his profession. Being an assiduous student and an independent and vigorous thinker as well as a keen observer and a tireless investigator, he has long since become one of the noted men in the medical profession of his day and generation.

Doctor Gorrell was married in 1860, while living at Newville, Indiana, to Frances E. Hendricks, of DeKalb county, that state. She is the daughter of Dr. Joel E. Hendricks, a prominent physician of his day in that county during the time of his practice. Doctor Hendricks was noted as a mathematician, and was recognized by Asop Hall, now manager of the National Observatory of Washington, D. C., and by the Astronomer Royal, of London, England, and by Simon Newcomb, as one of the great mathematicians of the world. Mrs. Gorrell is a lady of splendid attributes of mind and heart and has enjoyed a host of warm friends all her life. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Carrie, born January 10, 1862, is the wife of J. W. Hunter; Arthur R., who died October 23, 1911, was born in 1867, and graduated from the Iowa State University and the Northwestern University of Chicago.

Doctor Gorrell has ever acted upon the principles that he who serves his country best serves his party best, and with this object in view his political efforts, although in the highest degree successful and influential, have been above the slightest suspicion of dishonor, and his career as a public servant has been eminently satisfactory to all concerned, irrespective of party alignment. He was elected to the state Senate in 1893 on the Republican ticket and he was elected again to this important office in 1897 on the Democratic ticket. Such a record is evidently criterion enough of his high standing in his district. He made a most worthy and commendable record, making his influence felt for the good of his county and the state, and figuring prominently in the councils and debates among his colleagues, where his ideas were respectfully weighed and usually heartily endorsed.

Politically, Doctor Gorrell is an adherent of principle to the defiance of party demands and party affiliations. He was a Republican until the party strayed from the paths of the fathers, when he identified himself with the Bryan Democracy with all the energy and enthusiasm of his nature, and proved stronger personally than either party. No man ever received a more striking testimonial of personal popularity than to be elected to a high office first by one party then by the other. The Doctor has retired from polities

save for the good he can do his friends in their aspirations. When he is a friend to a man he is loyal through every vicissitude. Being of a literary and philosophical turn of mind, his office and dwelling may be said with truth to be the intellectual center of Jasper county, bringing together more of the thinkers of the locality than any other place or places. Here questions of science, philosophy and religion are discussed honestly and fearlessly and, above all, intelligently. Doctor Gorrell is himself a writer of force and great versatility, articles from his trenchant pen being copied far and near, and he has contributed to literature a small volume entitled "Sins Absolved," embodying his views on religion, interwoven with a thrilling story of the war in which he was an active participant. He is not a believer in the creed or doctrine of orthodox churches, but he is a liberal supporter of the gospel.

Sufficient has been said to indicate Doctor Gorrell's character and high standing in the community and state where he has so long resided, and it only remains to be said that throughout his entire professional and official career he has been animated by lofty motives, and made every personal consideration subordinate to the higher claims of duty. Broad and liberal in his views, with the greatest good of his fellowmen ever before him, his conduct has been that of the lover of his kind and the true and loyal citizen, who is ready at all times to make reasonable sacrifice for the cause in which his interests are enlisted. He is, withal, a man of the people, proud of his distinction as a citizen of a state and nation for whose laws and institutions he has the most profound admiration and respect, while his strong mentality, ripe judgment and unimpeachable integrity demonstrate to the satisfaction of all his ability to fill honorably important official positions and to discharge worthily the duties of his trusts. In point of critical scholarship, keen intellectuality and professional success, he easily stands in the front rank, while in all that constitutes the upright man, the public-spirited citizen and the polished gentleman, his position in the social circle and the world of affairs has been firmly established and he stands today among the leaders of thought and moulders of opinion in a state prolific of great men.

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#### OLIVER C. MEREDITH.

It is the progressive, wide-awake man of affairs that makes the real history of a community and his influence as a potential factor in the body politic is difficult to estimate. The examples such men furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, and there is always a full measure of satisfaction in advert-

even in a casual way to their achievements in advancing the interests of their fellow men and in giving strength and solidity to the institutions which make so much for the prosperity of the community. Such a man is Oliver C. Meredith, the present popular and efficient mayor of Newton, and as such it is proper that a review of his career be accorded a place among the representative citizens of Jasper county.

Mr. Meredith was born in Henry county, Indiana, of an excellent old Hoosier family, his birth occurring on December 15, 1847, and he is the son of J. H. and Eliza (Stanley) Meredith, the father being a native of North Carolina and the mother of Indiana. J. H. Meredith was only ten years of age when he came to Indiana, and there he grew to maturity and received a good education, remaining in that state until 1859, when, with his family, he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Lynnville. Later he purchased a farm six miles from Newton where he lived seventeen years, then returned to Lynnville, where his death occurred on January 26, 1876, at the age of fifty-seven years. He was a successful farmer, and in religious matter, was a zealous Quaker, a man of sterling worth and integrity. His wife died in Jasper county, in 1860. J. H. Meredith was again married, his last wife being Ardella Roberts, a native of Iowa who died at Lynnville in 1886; the first marriage resulted in the birth of six children, two sons and four daughters, all of whom are living, namely: Jane married Andrew Elliott, farmer, residing in St. Cloud, Kansas; Oliver C. of this review; Ellen married William Elliott, a farmer of St. Cloud, Kansas, and brother of Andrew Elliott; Caroline is the widow of John B. Elliott, a brother of the two Elliotts mentioned above, and she resides in Lynnville; Mary Moody, who lives in Denver; Owen L. died in Denver. To the second marriage of J. H. Meredith three sons were born, all of whom are living, namely: William J. is a real estate dealer in Newton; Albert is the general agent for the McCormick Harvester Company, with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Elkana lives in Omaha.

After receiving a good education, Oliver C. Meredith, when twenty-one years of age, started out in Iowa as a farmer, later conducted a mercantile business at Lynnville for seven years, studying law in the meantime. On June 29, 1880, he moved to Newton where he has been engaged in the practice of law ever since, soon taking a place in the front rank of the able professional men of the county and building up a large and lucrative clientele which has continued to grow. He has figured prominently in the local courts for many years and is regarded as a painstaking, capable and conscientious attorney whose peculiar persuasiveness and eloquence have great effect with

a jury. He has kept fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his chosen vocation. After coming to Newton he was elected county attorney by the Republicans, in which office he served very faithfully for four years, and in March, 1909, he was elected mayor of Newton, which office he still holds, giving the city one of the best administrations it has ever had and doing a great deal for its permanent good, managing the affairs of the office with the same courage, energy and fidelity as he would his own private affairs. For two years he was president of the Newton Business Men's Association; he has also served as city solicitor and has been a member of the city council for two years.

On April 7, 1872, Mr. Meredith was married to Sarah Masteller, daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth Masteller, natives of Ohio. Mrs. Meredith's death occurred in 1881. Two children were born to this union, Fred C., whose birth occurred January 7, 1874, is in partnership with his father in the law business, and he is regarded as one of the rising young business men of Newton. He is one of the leading abstractors and is secretary of the Jasper County Agricultural Society. Clyde W., born in December, 1881, is auditor of the One Minute Manufacturing Company, is a good business man and has climbed up step by step with this enterprise.

Mr. Meredith's second marriage was solemnized on March 18, 1886, when he was united with Delia B. Brown, daughter of John and Elizabeth Brown, the father being a Kentuckian and the mother a native of Indiana. One child has graced this union, Ora Bess, whose birth occurred December, 1888; she has remained single and has devoted her life principally to music, possessing a rare and remarkable voice and has obtained a high musical education, and is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, at Oberlin, Ohio. She is a contralto, and while in Oberlin she was at the head of the church choir of one hundred and seventy voices. She is now in New York city teaching and pursuing her musical studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith are members of the Congregational church at Newton, in which he has held nearly every office. He has been a teacher in the Sunday school for thirty-seven consecutive years, during which time he has been most faithful. Mrs. Meredith is also a teacher in the Sunday school. Fraternally, he belongs to Newton Lodge No. 59, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Giebel Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, and of Oriental Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar. He has held practically all the offices in these several lodges; he and his wife belong to the Order of the Eastern Star, Newton Chapter No. 100. He is past grand worthy patron of the state of Iowa of that order, and Mrs. Meredith is a past grand worthy matron

of the Iowa grand chapter. Eight years ago Mr. Meredith introduced a resolution before the grand chapter of Iowa for the establishment of an Eastern Star Masonic Home, which was passed and a splendid home was subsequently established at Boone, Iowa. A farm of eighty acres was purchased by the committee, of which Mr. Meredith was a member. This committee afterward became the board of trustees. This home is now valued at forty-five thousand dollars; it is intended to be used by the worthy dependent people of this order. The subject is its treasurer and he has been on its board of trustees since its establishment. He is one of the most prominent Masons in the state and is influential in fraternal circles.

On June 4, 1864, when but sixteen years of age, Mr. Meredith enlisted for service in the great war of the Rebellion, becoming a member of the Forty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at Newton. He was sent to Rock Island and did guard duty. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Garrett Post No. 16, at Newton.

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#### JOHN HOTCHKIN.

The name of John Hotchkin, who came to us from far-away England and, by his residence in Jasper county, benefited not only himself but the community as well, should certainly be included in a history of the locality, for his life was not only an industrious but an honorable one.

Mr. Hotchkin was born in Lincolnshire, England, August 6, 1832. He was the son of Henry and Hannah (Readman) Hotchkin, both natives of England, where they grew up and were married. The father conducted a dairy in early life, later working on farms. He and his wife lived and died in England. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, Bessie, Henry, Mark, William, John, Martha and Hannah.

John Hotchkin was educated in his native land and there grew to manhood. He worked there as a laborer for some time, emigrating to New Jersey in 1853 where he worked a year and a half as a coachman for John Cain, a banker in Elizabeth. He was then married and went to Staten Island, where he did general jobbing around the factory of the New York Iron Printing Company at Factoryville, Staten Island. Two years later he came to Will county, Illinois. There he bought five acres which he rented, at the same time renting a farm himself. He remained in Illinois until 1860. The first day of that year he came to Grinnell, Iowa, and here entered a farm, but

was cheated out of it. He worked the first year here on the Rock Island road, then graded on the Iowa Central for several months. In the fall of 1871 he bought eighty acres in Rock Creek township, to which he added until he owned three hundred and twenty acres. He was very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and had a fine farm. He had sold off all his land but one hundred and twenty acres before his death.

Politically, he was a Democrat, but he never sought office. He was a member of the Catholic church. He was a quiet, retiring gentlemen, who was never obtrusive, yet always willing to do his full duty as a citizen.

Mr. Hotchkin was married on March 30, 1854, to Rose A. Gaughan, who was born in county Meath, Ireland, and her death occurred in 1909. To the subject and wife the following children were born: Mrs. Martha N. Kelly, John H., Charles A. and William A., twins; Mrs. Rose H. McLaughlin, Philip E., Mrs. Elizabeth L. Flannigan and James Alfred.

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#### LOUIS STOLTE.

There is a vast difference between the means of crossing the Atlantic ocean now and what they were sixty years ago. At the present day emigrants come across in from six to ten days on one of the great liners or "ocean greyhounds." Of course, in order to save cost, many of them take steerage passage, but the accommodations even then are comparatively comfortable. Sixty years ago, in order to save expense, the emigrants came almost always by slow-sailing vessels that required fully a month to cross from Germany to New York. This means what seemed to be endless tossing and often protracted seasickness, or that not infrequently, when the shores of the new world were reached, the emigrant and his family were gaunt skeletons who set foot on land again with the feeling that they had just come to life once more. Very often six weeks were consumed on the trip, but the emigrants counted the saving as so much earned during the eventful period on the ocean. Louis Stolte, one of the prominent German citizens of Jasper county, is one of the vast number of foreign-born citizens who made the long prolix voyage in those old sailing-vessel days.

Mr. Stolte was born in Hanover, Lowenstein, Germany, October 11, 1831, the son of Christian and Charlotta (Holchar) Stolte, both natives of Germany, in which country the father was a forest overseer for the government practically all his life, finally meeting his death from a falling tree when



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fifty-five years of age, when the subject was but three years old. He was known to be a man of many strong characteristics and was always upright in his relations with the world.

Louis Stolte was the youngest of a family of seven children, of whom only he and a sister are living; the latter, Mrs. Caroline Stoffler, widow of Julius Stoffler, makes her home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The former grew to maturity in the fatherland and received his educational training there, and in the year 1850 he emigrated to America, the voyage requiring over two months, or, to be exact, sixty-nine days on the old-fashioned sailing vessel, which finally landed him and his brother and sister at New York. From there they went to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where Louis continued to reside for some time, having been twenty years of age when he reached there. Soon he began learning the trade of shoemaker, at which he worked for a period of eighteen years steadily. In 1864 Mr. Stolte proved his patriotism to his adopted country by enlisting in Company E, Two Hundred and Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served most creditably, first having been sent to Washington, D. C., and later to City Point on the Potomac river; then he was engaged at Veldon, later being sent on numerous expeditions all over West Virginia. Then came the battle of Hatcher's Run, later Fair Oaks and Danville, in all of which he was engaged, and from then on to the surrender at Appomattox he was in almost daily skirmishes. He took part in the battle at Appomattox Court House, in which he lost both his colonel and adjutant-general. He was mustered out at Alexandria Heights, and received an honorable discharge. He took part in the Grand Review at Washington City. Within a week after his return home he had resumed work at his trade.

In 1868 Mr. Stolte came to Iowa and located at Newton, Jasper county, where he worked steadily at his trade until 1888, twenty years, when he retired from active life on account of ill health.

Mr. Stolte was married in 1854 to Sarah Raisback, who was born in England of English parentage. They lived together eighteen years, when she died in Newton. Four daughters were born to them, all of whom are married and still living, namely: Mrs. Caroline Barbe, widow of William Barbe, lives at Newton; Mrs. Charlotte Stolte, widow of Louis Stolte, is living in Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Mary Richman, wife of Merritt Richman, of Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth Hollingsworth is now the wife of William Wallace, of San Diego, California.

On December 31, 1874, Mr. Stolte was married to Mary McCoy, of the state of New York and the daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Murray) McCoy, of New York. Her father was a machinist by trade. After living

in New York for a number of years he moved to New Jersey, where he and his wife both died, their daughter Mary, wife of the subject, being then but a child. Mr. McCoy was a man of considerable education and of exemplary character.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stolte two children have been born, namely: Mrs. Sadie Taber, wife of Edwin Taler, lives on a farm in the edge of Newton; Frank is in the drug business in Hedrick, Iowa.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stolte are members of the English Lutheran church, of Newton. They are also members of the Legion of Honor. Mr. Stolte belongs to Garrett Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is independent.

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#### DANIEL LAMPHIER.

An honored veteran of the Civil war, a successful agriculturist and a man of sterling qualities of character—such is the briefest epitome of the gentleman whose life is outlined in the following paragraphs.

Daniel Lamphier was born in Onondaga county, New York, July 6, 1835, and was the seventh child in a family of thirteen born to Stanton and Rhoda (Brotherston) Lamphier, only three of whom are now living: Olive, the oldest child, married Charles Freeman, who died in Michigan City, Indiana; Edson and Edward both died in Michigan before reaching their maturity; Sarah, who married James Burns; Fidella, who married Charles Stone, and Clinton Lamphier all died in Michigan City, Indiana; Louisa, who died in March, 1911, was the widow of William Beadle; William and Wallace, twins, died in infancy; Edson H., named for the brother who died several years before, died at South Bend, Indiana; Jared, the thirteenth child, died April 18, 1912. The subject is the only one living of thirteen children.

Stanton Lamphier was a native of New York state and his wife was a native of Connecticut. About the year 1836 Stanton Lamphier moved with his family, then consisting of seven children, from New York to Michigan, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres. But it proved to be a very disastrous move. The whole family was taken sick with a fever, which was epidemic in those parts; two of the children were buried and then the father, at that time thought to be on his death-bed, vowed to God that if he was spared, that as soon as he was able to get around he would move away from the state, which he did the year following, abandoning the farm. He left money with a friend with which to pay the taxes, but the friend proved false to his trust and the farm was sold for taxes, and was a total loss to the family. When they

abandoned the farm they moved to Michigan City, Indiana, where the father and mother both resided until their deaths, the father dying in 1852, at the age of fifty-two years, and the mother in 1897, at the age of seventy-seven years. In 1852 Daniel Lamphier, then a boy of not quite eighteen years of age, was married to Anna McDonald. She was a winsome Irish lassie of his own age, having been born July 3, 1835, in county Louth, Ireland. On account of the tender age of the couple, they could not obtain a license in Indiana, and so they ran away to Michigan, where no license was required at that time, and were married at New Buffalo. Ann Lamphier was one of a family of nine children, only one of whom, Rosa, a sister, is now living, besides Mrs. Lamphier. The sister still lives in Michigan City, Indiana, where the family settled on arriving in this country from Ireland. They came over in the sailing vessel "Royalist" when Mrs. Lamphier was eleven years old. Her father's name was John McDonald and her mother's given name was Nancy. The father died in 1855 at Michigan City, at the age of sixty-five years and the mother died in Jasper county, Iowa, in 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years.

In 1852 Daniel Lamphier moved his family to Jasper county and obtained work on a farm. At the time the Civil war broke out he was living upon a rented farm in Buena Vista township and working for himself. To him and his wife were born eight children, namely: Sarah, born February 18, 1853, in Michigan City, Indiana, is unmarried and lives at home. When but a small child she was cruelly trampled upon and clawed by a large drove of elk near their home in Jasper county; Mary Francis, born in Jasper county, July 29, 1854, married Bazzel Bell, and died June 14, 1887; James S., born in Jasper county, March 7, 1856, married Clara Lawson, and lives in Mahaska City, Iowa; Jared, born in Jasper county, June 2, 1858, died June 11, 1896, in Jasper county. He had married Oma Wingate; Albert, born in Jasper county, October 2, 1860, died in 1863, while the father was serving in the army; Elma, born May 14, 1864, married William Olson, and she died in 1891; Edward E., born March 16, 1866, lives in Buena Vista township; he married Deliby Kinzybaugh; Lucian, born July 8, 1878, married Alice Rumpler and lives in Newton, Iowa.

When the Civil war broke out, Daniel Lamphier, leaving his wife and five children, enlisted October 17, 1861, and was sworn into the United States service at Davenport, as a member of Company B, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. They wintered at Jefferson City, Missouri, and then were ordered back to St. Louis, where they took a steamer and were sent to Pittsburg Landing. At this battle the regiment lost one hundred and twenty-five men. Mr.

Lamphier was also at the battle of Corinth, Mississippi, when Price's army surrendered; he was in the siege of Vicksburg, and at Nickijack Creek, near Atlanta. He was wounded in the right leg and was sent to the hospital at Maryetta, then to Rome, Georgia, and from there was sent home. At the end of his sick leave he reported for duty at Davenport, but was found unfit for service and was again sent to the hospital where he remained until the close of the war. He was not discharged from the service until five months after the close of the war, owing to the papers having been lost by his captain. The first captain he served under was Thomas H. Miller, of Newton, who was killed at Shiloh. His second captain was Harvey J. Shift.

When Mr. Lamphier became able to work he farmed for his cousin, Margaret Likens, whose husband was killed in front of Atlanta. He bought forty acres of land from her in 1867, which he still holds, and where he has ever since made his home.

Mr. Lamphier served as constable in Buena Vista township for eight years. He is a member of Garrett Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic, at Newton, and politically he is a Republican. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lamphier are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mt. Zion, having been members there since 1856.

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#### FRANK W. SWEARINGEN.

Unique, in a way, is the life history of Frank W. Swearingen. Educated for the practice of law, which it did not take him long to discover would not be congenial to him, and now one of Jasper county's good business men, engaged in a general merchandise and private banking business in Kilduff, he is a man of progressive ideas and good judgment, and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

His father, George Swearingen, born in 1843, was a native of Ohio, and his mother, Sarah (Chapman) Swearingen, was a native of Illinois. The father came in an early day to Illinois, and for many years engaged in general farming, but in March, 1876, he brought his family to Iowa, purchasing eighty acres of land in section 4, in Buena Vista township, Jasper county. This land today still stands in his name. Here he lived and farmed for many years, but in 1893 he retired from active labor and moved to Newton, where he purchased a home. This he still held at the time of his death, February 22, 1909, which occurred in California, whither he had gone in search of health, in 1908. He was a broadminded, public spirited man of progressive ideas, held in high esteem by all with whom he came into contact. He held many offices of trust

in his home township and at one time was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for county recorder. His wife, mother of the subject of this sketch, died in Newton in June, 1902, at the age of fifty-five. Both were faithful and consistent members of the Christian church at that place. To them were born six children, only two of whom lived to grow to manhood: George T., lived at Madison Lake, Minnesota, where he died May 15, 1912; Frank W., of this review.

Frank W. Swearingen was born August 24, 1871, in McDonough county, Illinois, and in early childhood came with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, and there grew to maturity on the farm. He received a good education and graduated from the law department of Drake University in May, 1895. After his graduation he opened a law office at Fonda, this state, and practiced his profession for three years, when he removed to Mitchellville. Here he continued the practice of law for about the same length of time, and then removed to Newton, continuing his profession at practice in that city for two years, at the expiration of which time he abandoned the law, and moved to Killduff and engaged in a general merchandise business, which enterprise proved to be very lucrative. In 1909 he started a private banking business, and he is now engaged in carrying on both of these branches of industry, being very successful in his undertakings.

On March 15, 1900, Mr. Swearingen was united in marriage to Ernestine Langworthy, daughter of Oscar and Jennie (Alexander) Langworthy, both natives of Iowa, having been early settlers of Dubuque county. Mrs. Swearingen is the only surviving child of a family of three, and was born July 30, 1879, in Dubuque county, Iowa. The family moved to Fonda, Pocahontas county, where the father engaged in the hardware business. Mr. Langworthy has been dead for a number of years, but Mrs. Langworthy still survives and resides at Fonda, this state.

To Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen have been born three children: Cecil, born December 28, 1900; Freeda, born April 3, 1904; George, born May 26, 1910.

Mr. Swearingen is a man of broad public spirit. He was elected mayor of Fonda and also of Mitchellville. He is interested in politics, although not a rabid politician, his sympathies being with the Republican party. Fraternally, he is connected with the Masonic Lodge No. 59, at Newton, also a member of the Eastern Star and Modern Woodmen of America. Both Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen are identified with the Christian church at Newton.

On the death of his father, Mr. Swearingen and his brother, George, came into possession of the old home farm and the property in Newton, which property they held in conjunction. Mr. Swearingen also owns a fine home in Killduff.

## EDWIN S. HAINES.

The record of Edwin S. Haines, of Sully, Jasper county, is one that indicates that he has tried to do his duty in all life's relations in a faithful, honorable manner, which has resulted in a comfortable income since he started in life for himself and also in winning the confidence and good will of his wide circle of acquaintances.

Edwin S. Haines was born in this county on May 11, 1869, the son of Timothy and Eliza (VanVoorhis) Haines. The paternal grandparents, Edwin and Rebecca Haines, who were natives of Ohio, moved to Indiana in an early day, and in 1872 came to Iowa and located in Jasper county, and here spent their last years. The father of the subject was reared in Indiana and when he was only sixteen years of age enlisted in Company K, Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served very creditably for twenty-one months when he was discharged for disability. He was in a number of hard-fought engagements and saw considerable hard service. After he returned home from the army he came to Jasper county in 1864 to recuperate from the effects of his service in the army; two of his uncles had located here and were doing well. He liked the new country and saw that it had a great future, so he decided to make his permanent home here, and soon purchased forty acres in Lynn Grove township. To this he added from time to time until he owned one hundred and sixty acres, which he later sold and, retiring from active life, moved to Sully. His death occurred on March 27, 1909; his widow is still living, being now sixty-seven years of age. Timothy Haines was a Republican, but no politician, preferring to lead a quiet, retired life. He was a member of the Methodist church, to which Mrs. Haines also belongs. Their family consisted of nine children, one of whom died in infancy; the other eight are still living. Mr. Haines started life here as a pioneer and it was some time before he was comfortably situated. The effects of his service in the army rendered him an invalid later in life and he did not work after 1881.

Edwin S. Haines, of this review, grew up on the home farm and assisted with the work on the place when a mere boy. He received his education in the public schools of his native community, but being the oldest son, he had more work to do than the other children. As a young man he engaged in farming, later ran a livery barn and a restaurant. On August 1, 1906, he began carrying the mail on route No. 4 out of the town of Sully and he has discharged his duties in this connection very acceptably and faithfully. He owns thirty-four acres of valuable land, eight acres of which is within the

corporate limits of Sully. It is very productive and valuable land and he raises a variety of products on it from year to year. He built a modern, substantial residence on his land here and is very well fixed.

Politically, he is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Mr. Haines was married on March 15, 1892, to Laura Shafer, a native of Jasper county and the daughter of Asahel and Nancy Shafer, old settlers here from West Virginia and Illinois. He came to Iowa in 1858 and the mother came with her parents. They first moved from Illinois to Ohio, then to Marion county, Iowa, locating near the town of Pella, and there the parents of Mrs. Haines were married. They now live near New Sharon, Iowa. They have spent their lives on a farm. Their family consisted of four children, all of whom are living. To Mr. and Mrs. Haines have been born four children, namely: Myrtle, Harry, Walter and Tracy.

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#### CHARLEY BURNETT ORTWIG.

As a rule the farmer boy who has to start at the very bottom of the road that leads up the hill of success, when he begins life's more serious work for himself, is bound to experience the greatest trials and to pass through the most severe schooling before he can rise above the surface and show his head; but in time true worth will always tell, as it did in the case of Charley Burnett Ortwig, a progressive and successful young farmer of Kellogg township, Jasper county, who seems to possess the stick-to-itiveness characteristic of those born of German ancestry, and he is very deserving of the handsome rewards that have attended his efforts.

Mr. Ortwig was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, October 2, 1881. He is the son of Albert and Augusta (Reng) Ortwig, both born in Germany, the father in 1835, and the mother in 1832; the death of the latter occurred in 1894. They grew to maturity and were educated in the fatherland, in fact, spent their early lives there, emigrating to the United States in 1880. In 1881 they located in Jasper county, Iowa, where the father has since remained, engaged in farming and stock raising, having become well situated. His family consisted of four sons and two daughters, namely: Ida, Minnie, Albert, Herman, Adolph and Charley Burnett, of this review.

The subject of this sketch came from his birthplace in the Badger state to Jasper county, Iowa, when a boy and here he grew to maturity and

received a good education, assisting his father with the general farm work when a boy. For some time he filled the position of fireman in the electric light plant at Newton, but finally returned to farming, locating on his present place in 1907. His father has a very desirable farm of one hundred and forty acres, one hundred of which lies in Kellogg township and the balance in Mariposa township. He is rapidly improving the same and is succeeding in all phases of his farm work.

Mr. Ortwig was married on May 16, 1905, to Marie Cornelia Cook, who was born in Pella, Marion county, Iowa, March 20, 1888, the daughter of Dirk and Nellie (Earley) Cook, both born in Holland.

Politically, Mr. Ortwig is a Republican, and while he takes more or less interest in public affairs, he is not a politician.

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#### REV. JOHN POTTER.

There is no earthly station higher than the ministry of the gospel; no life can be more uplifting and grander than that which is devoted to ameliorating the human race, a life of service for the betterment of the brotherhood of man, one that is willing to cast aside all earthly crowns and laurels of fame in order to follow in the footsteps of the lowly Nazarene. It is not possible to measure adequately the height, depth and breadth of such a life, for its influences continue to permeate the lives of others through succeeding generations, so the power it has cannot be known until "the sun grows cold, and the stars are old and the leaves of the judgment book unfold." Rev. John Potter, a Methodist minister, known throughout Iowa, and who after many years of strenuous endeavor is retired at Newton, Jasper county, is one of those self-sacrificing, ardent, loyal and true spirits that is a blessing to the race, leaving in its wake an influence that ever makes brighter and better the lives of those who follow.

Rev. Mr. Potter was born June 7, 1843, at Thornton, Yorkshire, England, and he is the son of Henry and Mary (Elliott) Potter, natives of England, the father being the fourth child in order of birth in the family born to John and Elizabeth (Townson) Potter, his birth having occurred at Kirk-by-the-Moorside, now Kirby, November 14, 1814. Upon the marriage of Henry Potter with Mary Elliott, his grandmother Townson presented to him a Bible published in 1785 and it is now in possession of the subject of this sketch.



REV. JOHN POTTER AND FAMILY



When six years of age, Rev. John Potter was brought to America by his parents, reaching our shores on June 17, 1849. At that time there were seven children, four being later born in this country. The family located in Oriskany, Oneida county, New York. The father was a wheelwright and wagonmaker. Two and one-half years later they moved to Morgan county, Illinois, where they engaged in farming until the father's death, July 7, 1876. The mother was born May 13, 1817, and died September 24, 1890. They were the parents of the following children: James, born December 2, 1837, is engaged in farming and stock raising in Crawford county, Kansas; Elizabeth, born July 7, 1839, is the widow of William C. Hart, who resides at Winchester, Illinois; Ann Elliott is the widow of William Marshall, who was born February 12, 1841, lives at McClusky, North Dakota; John, of this review; Henry Townson, born December 10, 1844, died in Kansas in 1891; Martha is the wife of James Schofield, born May 8, 1846, resides at Altamont, Kansas, on a farm; William, born September 9, 1847, lives on a farm at Lacygne, Kansas; Ruth, born January 20, 1851, is the wife of David Gilbert and they reside at Mayfield, Kansas; Thomas, born June 23, 1854, lives on a farm near Stillwater, Oklahoma; Edward Everett, born July 20, 1857, died February 10, 1902, at Jacksonville, Illinois; George died in infancy; Charles Wesley, born May 4, 1859, is a retired farmer living at Jacksonville, Illinois.

Rev. John Potter is a veteran of the great Civil war, having enlisted in the Union army at Jacksonville, Illinois, August 6, 1862, and he served very faithfully until the close of the war, and was mustered out at Camp Butler, June 22, 1865. He was a private in Company 1, One Hundred and First Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the following engagements: Holly Springs, Mississippi, where he was taken prisoner and held six months; was in the midnight battle of Wauhatchie; fought near Chattanooga, Tennessee, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain; with Sherman on his march to the sea; was at the surrender of Joseph E. Johnston at Durham's Station. He went to Richmond and then on to Washington, D. C., taking part in the Grand Review, May 24, 1865. After returning from the army he came to Iowa in the fall of 1865, and located in Jasper county. He purchased forty acres in Elk Creek township, which he sold four years later and bought eighty acres in Lynn Grove township. He entered the ministry in 1870, and that year he joined the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for thirty years was engaged in active ministerial work, his pastorate charges being as follows: Millersburg, Iowa county; Lancaster, Keokuk county; Hamilton, Marion county; Chillicothe, Wapello county;

Durham, Marion county; Albia, Monroe county; Unionville, Appanoose county; Kozta, Iowa county; Pleasant Hill, Johnson county; Kellogg, Jasper county; Lynnville, Jasper county; Richland, Keokuk county; Mound City, Kansas; Eddyville, Wapello county; Rose Hill, Mahaska county; Knoxville, Marion county; Ewart, Poweshiek county; Exline, Appanoose county; Nichols, Muscatine county; Taintor, Mahaska county. He did a great work at all these places, built up the congregations and strengthened the work in this part of the state, becoming widely known as an earnest, able, conscientious and fearless exponent of Methodism, being a public orator second to none in the conference and profoundly versed in the Scriptures. He retired from the active ministry in 1903 and moved to his pleasant home in Newton, buying five acres of land upon which he resides. In 1875 he purchased one hundred and forty acres in Poweshiek county, which he sold in 1902. He also owned a quarter section in Madison county, which he sold in 1905. That year he bought one hundred and seventy-three acres in Buena Vista township, selling it in 1909, when he bought one hundred and twenty acres in Poweshiek township, Jasper county which he still owns. He also owns twenty-five acres of timber land in Buena Vista township.

On October 11, 1866, Rev. Mr. Potter was united in marriage with Angeline F. Sparks, daughter of T. M. and Sarah (Guessford) Sparks, her father being a native of North Carolina and her mother of Kentucky. Early in life they moved to Morgan county, Illinois, where they continued to reside until 1834, when they moved to Lee county, Iowa, and in 1847 they came to Jasper county, being among the first settlers. Mr. Sparks becoming well-to-do here, being one of the most extensive land owners in the county at that time and he was influential and widely known, one of the most prominent of the first settlers. His death occurred December 2, 1887, at the age of seventy-five years, his birth having occurred on August 15, 1812. His wife preceded him to the grave on May 24, 1883, at the age of seventy-four years, her birth having occurred on July 27, 1809. The wife of Rev. Mr. Potter was born in Lee county, Iowa, on December 24, 1844. She was one of a family of twelve children, of whom nine are living, namely: Stephen J., who lives at Lynnville, Iowa; John R. lives in Arkansas; William P. lives at Lynnville; Thomas and Martin died in infancy; Jeremiah lives at New Sharon, Iowa; Mary E., the widow of B. T. Carson, resides at Botna, Shelby county; George W. lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Eliza E. is the wife of Lucian Butrum, and they live at Lynnville; Margaret A. died when seventeen years of age; True-love M. is in the real estate business at Winterset, Iowa.

Mrs. Potter's uncle, John R. Sparks, was the first clerk of Jasper county. Her father entered all the land surrounding the Junction. He was a man of practically no text-book education, but he made an excellent business man.

Two children have been born to Rev. and Mrs. Potter, namely: Charles Henry, born May 31, 1860, lives in Lynn Grove township, near the town of Lynnvile. John Wesley was born November 4, 1870, at Millersburg, Iowa county, and he is now engaged in merchandising at Wilton Junction, Muscatine county.

Rev. Mr. Potter is a member of Garrett Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is past commander. He has been department chaplain and made the prayer when the flags were moved into the state house. Politically, he is a Republican. He has ever manifested an abiding interest in all movements having for their object the general good and has done what he could in promoting the same. Rev. Mr. Potter is the author of an interesting volume entitled "Reminiscences of the Civil War."

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#### JAMES TOUGH.

The gentleman whose name introduces this brief review is a native of Ohio, born near Mansfield, that state, on December 12, 1854, and is the son of James and Isabella (McConna) Tough, both natives of the Highlands of Scotland. The family came to America in 1853, and settled in Ohio, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits for two years, at the expiration of which time, in 1855, they came to Iowa, the family consisting of six children, namely: Maggie, John and Charles, none of whom ever married, all living together in Muscatine county, Iowa; Henry is married and lives at Earlham; Belle, wife of Abraham Lee, lives in Muscatine county, Iowa, and is the mother of one child, a son, who answers to the name of Lester. The father departed this life in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1886, at the age of sixty-three years, and the mother died a year or so later at the age of sixty-two.

On February 8, 1882, James Tough was united in marriage with Ella Milne, at Davenport, Iowa, who was born in Arbroath, Scotland, on August 9, 1851, the daughter of Stewart and Jessie (Fawns) Milne, both natives of Scotland. The father and mother never left their native country, both dying in Scotland, the father at the age of seventy, in the year 1870, and the mother in 1875, at the age of sixty. Mrs. Tough's father was a blacksmith by trade, and was twice married. By his first marriage there is now living but one child, a son, Stewart, who lives in Oregon. By his second marriage he

was the father of four children, namely: James and Charles, who both died in Scotland; David, living in Aurora, Illinois; and Ella, wife of the subject of this review. Mrs. Tough was born and lived about forty miles north of Edinburgh, Scotland. She came to the United States in June, 1879, with a brother, David, mentioned above, who had come to this country about five years previous to that date, and who had returned to his home intending to remain there, but his health failing him, the doctors advised that he return to America, the climate being too damp for him along the North Sea, and in the year indicated above he returned to this country, bringing his sister with him. They set sail from Glasgow and were twelve days on the water. David Milne was a linen weaver by trade in Scotland, but after coming to this country followed the trade of miller principally. They lived in Davenport, Iowa, where the sister kept house for him. When she came to America it was not her intention to remain here permanently, but she met and married James Tough, a young farmer, and settled down contentedly to remain on this side of the water.

Three years after their marriage, they came to Jasper county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Buena Vista township, of a man by the name of McCauley, who had entered the land from the government many years before, and this is the only time this land has ever changed ownership. They have since added eighty acres to it and have built an elegant home on the place, which is located about three miles north of Killduff.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tough have been born eight children, namely: James and David, twins, born October 12, 1887. David died in infancy; James is unmarried and lives at home with his parents; Earl, born June 21, 1887; Roy, born February 2, 1889; Edward, born December 4, 1891; Charles, born October 2, 1895, all living at home with their parents; Cora, born November 21, 1883, wife of Elmer Guessford, lives in Cambridge, Wayne county, Iowa, has one child, a son, Harold by name; Hattie, born June 13, 1885, is still at home with her parents.

Besides the fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Buena Vista township, Mr. Tough also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Dawes county, Nebraska. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World of Kellogg. Politically, he is a Republican, but has never aspired to public office, although he has served for several years as school director. In addition to general farming, he raises stock quite extensively for the market.

Mrs. Tough is a woman of rare sweetness of character, much beloved and respected by all who know her. She is a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church at Kellogg.

## L. S. SMITH.

L. S. Smith (or "Scott" Smith, as he is familiarly and universally called and known) was the seventh child of a family of ten children born to Jesse and Elizabeth M. (Johnson) Smith. The father was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, on December 27, 1832, and was the son of John B. and Sarah Smith. In 1862 he married Elizabeth M. Johnson, who was the daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Cramer) Johnson. She was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1840. After their marriage—about three years—Jesse Smith removed with his family from Pennsylvania to Iowa, and settled first in Scott county, on a farm. Five years later the family moved to Jasper county and purchased eighty acres of land in Buena Vista township; later other lands were added to this and at the present time Mr. Smith's holdings consist of two hundred and eighty acres upon which the son, Scott, the subject of this review, resides, the father having retired and moved to Newton in 1904, buying property there. Here Mr. Smith died, January 11, 1911.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith are as follows: John B., born 1863, died in 1872; Joseph J., born in 1864, married Grace Young, lives in California; William Richard, born 1866, died in 1878; Edward B., born 1868, married Charlotte Castleman, lives on what was formerly a part of the old Smith homestead, and adjoining, in Buena Vista township; James A., born 1871, died 1878, of diphtheria; Frank, born 1873, died in infancy; Scott, of this sketch, born 1874; Alice May, born 1876, married Garrett Hasselman, lives on a farm in Marion county, near Oskaloosa; Anna M., born 1880, married John Philips, who died, and later she married Sherman Sanderson, resides in South Dakota; Charles H., born 1883, married May Callison, lives in Redfield, Iowa.

Jesse Smith was active in church affairs before his health failed. He helped build, financially and with his labor, the Baptist church at Killduff, of which he and his wife are charter members.

Scott Smith began to work for himself at the age of twenty years. He rented a place from his father and farmed it for a while. In 1901 he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Buena Vista township, which he farmed for three years, when he sold it to Ike Barda and moved to Newton, but one year later he moved back on his father's farm where he has since resided.

On February 15, 1896, Scott Smith was united in marriage to Anna M. Hill, daughter of J. B. and Elizabeth (Stanley) Hill, both natives of Indiana, she being the seventh child born in a family of eight. Mr. Hill, her father,

was a large landowner in Buena Vista township, and a very fine man. He departed this life in 1900, at his old home place in Buena Vista township, his wife surviving him and now lives in Kellogg.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born four children, as follows: Clarence, born April 26, 1900; Florence, born January 2, 1906; Ruth, born June 30, 1908, died September 2, 1909; Ester Evelin, born June 10, 1911.

Besides farming, Mr. Smith owns and operates in partnership with his brother-in-law, Bert Hill, a threshing machine, also owning a fine automobile and is a progressive farmer. Fraternally, he is a member of the Iowa State Grange in Buena Vista. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant View. Mr. Smith has since bought the place on which he lives, his father's old homestead.

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#### E. L. DUNCAN.

An honored pioneer and progressive farmer is E. L. Duncan, of Poweshiek, Jasper county, he being a member of a sterling old family, members of which have done much in the general development of the western part of the county and who have always been regarded as among the leading citizens of this locality in every respect.

Mr. Duncan was born on the farm which he now owns, December 24, 1858. He is the son of Lieut. E. D. and L. B. (Whitney) Duncan, the former born in Adams county, Illinois, on January 1, 1828, and the latter in Hancock county, Illinois, in 1831. They were married in 1852 and the following year they came to Jasper county, Iowa. The paternal grandfather was a native of Kentucky, and the Whitneys were originally of Vermont.

Lieut. E. D. Duncan, mentioned above, enlisted in 1861 in Company B, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he was commissioned second lieutenant on October 21st following. In March, 1862, the regiment was ordered to the support of General Grant, and on March 8th they left Jefferson City, went to St. Louis and thence down the river to Pittsburg Landing, reaching there March 23d. During the first day's battle at Shiloh this regiment was under constant fire for ten hours, making a gallant resistance, after which it was found that twenty-four had been killed, one hundred and thirty-nine wounded and nine were missing. Among the killed was Lieut. E. D. Duncan, who, on April 6, 1862, gallantly gave his life for his country, in the first battle of his regiment. His brave deeds during that great battle and his name have been honored and perpetuated by the naming of the Grand Army

post at Colfax, the E. D. Duncan Post No. 253. He had come to the front as a leading citizen through merit and ability. He was a Republican and was influential in local affairs. He served very capably as township trustee, also township clerk, in fact, filled all the local offices in Poweshiek township. He was a member of the first board of managers of the Jasper County Agricultural Society in 1856 and in 1860 he served on the board. His widow is residing in Independence township, this county. Two children were born to them: Louise K. is the wife of G. A. Rumbaugh and they live in Jasper county; E. L. Duncan, of this review, was the second in order of birth.

The subject grew to maturity on the home farm which he helped develop, and he received his education in the neighboring schools. His fine farm consists of four hundred and twenty acres of as valuable land as the township can boast, and he has kept it under a high state of improvement, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a most successful manner. He has a very pleasant home and substantial outbuildings.

Mr. Duncan has been township assessor for the past ten years, his long service giving sufficient evidence of his popularity and of his fidelity to his public duties. He is a stanch Republican in politics.

Mr. Duncan was married to Mary Gardner, daughter of William Gardner and wife of Jasper county, who emigrated to this county from Canada in 1868. To Mr. and Mrs. Duncan the following children have been born: Harry G., Donald W., Ruth, Agnes and T. Darwin, all at home.

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#### FRED RICHARDSON.

Among the representative farmers of Jasper county is Fred Richardson, who has a comfortable home in Richland township where he is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and energy which are sure to find their sequel, quite naturally, in definite success. Having always been a hard worker, a good manager and a man of economical habits, and, being fortunately situated in a thriving farming community, it is no wonder that he has made a very satisfactory living and has laid by something for the "rainy days" ahead.

Mr. Richardson was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, April 9, 1870, and he is the son of James and Louisa (Clark) Richardson, the father born in Ohio in 1845, and the mother a native of Marion county, Iowa. The maternal grandfather, Green T. Clark, came to Marion county, this state, in 1840, being among the earliest settlers, and he staked off a claim before the county was

established, and began life on the wild prairie when neighbors were few and far remote, in fact that section of the state had not so much as been surveyed.

The father of the subject came to Pella, Iowa, in 1855, during the winter of that year, and although the country was not calculated to favorably impress one in its winter aspects, he knew that it had a great future and here he made his permanent home. He had been in Dallas county, Iowa, just previously, but did not like it there. He finally became the owner of two hundred and fifty acres of good land in Mahaska county and was well fixed. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in the spring of 1904 at an advanced age. His family consisted of the following children: Clark, Elsworth, Charles M., Alta Erma, Clara (deceased) and Fred. The father took a great interest in his children and was careful in their training.

Fred Richardson, of this review, attended school in Mahaska county and grew to manhood there. When twenty-four years of age he began renting land in order to get a start, having come to Richland township, Jasper county, to a farm of one hundred and seventy-eight acres, belonging to George and Levi Richardson of Newton. He has been here twelve years and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Republican.

On February 15, 1900, Mr. Richardson was married to Mayme Elizabeth Grandia, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, the daughter of Anthony Grandia, and this union has resulted in the birth of these children: Harold Emmett, Ralph Roy, Irma Viola and Esther Grace.

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#### ABRAHAM ADAMSON.

One of the best known of all the early settlers of Jasper county, as well as one of the most sincerely revered, is the subject of this review. A volume of the keenest interest might well be written of his long and useful life did space permit, and it would indeed be a difficult task for the biographer to say more in praise of Mr. Adamson than is his due.

To begin with, his birth was peculiar, he having been born while his father and mother were enroute by wagon from Missouri to Iowa. When within one day's journey from their destination, the cavalcade of settlers was halted there, at the home of a settler named Ingerman, in Marion county, Iowa, March 31, 1840, the subject of this sketch was ushered into the world.

His father, Evan Adamson, a native of Tennessee, and his mother, Elizabeth Miller, a native of North Carolina, had been married in Madison



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MR. AND MRS. ABRAHAM ADAMSON



county, Indiana, August 4, 1835, removing to Plat Purchase, Missouri, where they remained until 1846. With the family came Abraham Adamson, the grandfather of the subject; James Etchison, and Jessie Rickman, who was afterwards elected judge of Jasper county. Trips were usually made in old "prairie schooners" of pioneer days, but Mr. Adamson had a spring wagon for his family. Many and varied were the incidents and adventures the emigrants encountered along the way. Indians were plentiful, as well as bear, deer, wolves and buffalo, and the streams crossed were, many of them, wild and unbridged torrents. The family settled upon a considerable tract of raw timber and prairie land surrounding what has since been known as "Adamson's Grove," which land the father had secured from the government upon a trip made prior to the coming of the family.

Of the hardships and privations endured during those early years much might be said. A small log cabin was built and, with few comforts, the family set to work to carve out a home in the new and wild country. From the first the father was a leader of his time, taking active part in the advancement and development of his county and state. He it was who furnished and hauled the timber from which the first court house was built in Newton. He was also either the first or second sheriff of the county, director of schools, justice of the peace, constable and held many other offices and positions which he filled with credit during his long and useful life. Everyone in the county knew "Uncle Evan," as he was endearingly called. He died six miles southeast of Newton, in Buena Vista township, May 26, 1899, at the advanced age of ninety-one years and four months.

Mr. Adamson, the subject, is one of nine children, six of whom are living: Francis M. died at the age of twenty-eight; Mary Ellen departed this life at the age of fifteen; Sarah Ann, widow of W. W. Richards, resides in Adamson's Grove; Clarinda Bushey, wife of Frank Bushey, resides in Colorado; the next in order of birth is the subject of this sketch; Evan, unmarried, lives with his sister, Mrs. Richards; Joseph died in infancy; Elizabeth Thompson, wife of S. A. Thompson, resides in Manchester, Iowa; Martha Ellen Reno, widow of L. J. Reno, resides in Des Moines, Iowa.

At the age of sixteen the subject of this review attempted to enlist in the Northern army, but was rejected on account of his size and age. However, determined to be a soldier, he went along with the regiment as aid to the captain, a cousin of his father. This was in the spring of 1863. In the fall of that year he returned home and the following spring he enlisted at Newton on May 21, 1864, in Company B, Forty-eighth Iowa Infantry, under Capt.

Joseph R. Rodgers. He was mustered out September 29, 1864, for re-enlistment in Company G, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, which company was under command of his father's cousin. Up until re-enlistment, Mr. Adamson was engaged at Davenport, Iowa, guarding rebel prisoners, but upon re-enlistment he was ordered to Omaha, thence to Fort Kearney, Nebraska, a distance of one hundred and ninety miles, which was made on horseback without saddles, from there to Cottonwood Springs, Nebraska, where the winter was spent doing scouting duty in the Indian troubles then raging. When spring came, he and thirty comrades were ordered to Cow Creek, Kansas, by way of Fort Leavenworth, and here it was on the second day out that their wagons and train was attacked by a band of Indians far outnumbering themselves, and a fierce fight ensued in which the soldiers narrowly escaped massacre. Finally, when nearly surrounded, they succeeded in killing the chief and this so demoralized the Indians that they fled. That night Mr. Adamson took sick and was taken to the hospital at Fort Kearney. Eager to join his company, he left the hospital before he should have done so and attempted to overtake his comrades, but the flesh was too weak, although the spirit was strong, for at Fort Leavenworth he was too sick to go further and was mustered out of the service July 31, 1865, receiving an honorable discharge. From that time on Mr. Adamson has been sick more or less and is today a confirmed invalid, the direct cause of which was exposure during his service in the Indian country. At one time on a march from Cottonwood Springs to Fort Kearney, he was forced to sleep on the ground in the middle of January without tent or covering of any kind, and could hear the ice on the Platte river popping with the cold. During his first enlistment, Mr. Adamson was made corporal of his company. He is a member of Garrett Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic, of Newton. At present he is leading a retired life in Newton, owning a most elegant and comfortable home there as well as considerable land in the county. He also draws a pension of seventy-two dollars per month.

On July 5, 1868, Mr. Adamson was married to Hetty Evans, daughter of John and Margaret (Jones) Evans, both natives of Wales, Mrs. Adamson being born there. Her family came to America in 1856 in the good ship "Sam Curling," a cotton ship which carried cotton to Europe and returned with passengers. They were five weeks on the way and two passengers died in crossing. Landing in Boston Harbor, the family started for Utah to join the Mormons, they having accepted that faith in Wales, where it was extensively preached, but upon arriving in Jasper county they learned of the practice of polygamy and some other things which had not been mentioned in Wales by the Mormon teachers, so the new religion was discarded and the

family settled in Jasper county, Mrs. Adamson being at the time twelve years of age, having been born November 26, 1843. The first year after landing in America, the mother died in Iowa, January 20, 1857, at the age of forty-two, after which Mrs. Adamson kept house for her father until his death, which occurred August 31, 1860, at the age of fifty-two. After the death of her father and mother, Mrs. Adamson made her home with John and Mary Davis until her marriage, they having no children. Mrs. Adamson is one of three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy; John Evans, a brother, resides in Fairmont, Nebraska, being a successful farmer with seven children. He was born August 27, 1840, and was married in 1888 to Clara B. Newton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adamson have been born three children, all boys, of whom but one is living: John, born October 27, 1869, died November 22, 1869; Everett, born December 12, 1870, died May 29, 1887; Arnott Abraham, born January 7, 1874, is a prominent veterinary surgeon of Newton, being a graduate of McKillip College of Veterinary Surgery of Chicago, of which institution he is an honorary member of the faculty. He married Elizabeth A. Burnsides, a native of Iowa, November 28, 1900.

Mr. Adamson, the subject of this sketch, is a Mason, being a member of Lodge No. 50, Gebal Chapter No. 12 and Commandery No. 22, of Newton. Mrs. Adamson is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 3, Auxiliary of Garrett Post, and also of Newton Chapter No. 100, Order of the Eastern Star. She is also a member of the Christian church of Newton, but was christened in the Episcopal church of Wales. She is a most charming and interesting woman.

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#### HENRY D. SHARP.

Located on the road about one and three-quarters of a mile north of Killduff, beautifully situated, is the handsome home of Henry D. Sharp, modern throughout in every particular and beautifully finished inside and out. It is doubtful if there is a finer residence in the county, in fact it is said to be one of the finest in Jasper county. Mr. Sharp is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of fine land at this place, purchased in 1902 of J. C. Donahay. He is a farmer and stock raiser and very successful.

Mr. Sharp was born in Sherman township, July 11, 1860, and was the eldest child born to Adam and Isabel (De Vaughn) Sharp. His mother was a native of Alexandria, Virginia; his father, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania. When a young man he went to Illinois

and engaged in farming, and when the war broke out he enlisted in the Ninety-third Illinois, Company B. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out with an honorable discharge. He participated in several important engagements, such as the battle of Champion's Hill, the siege of Vicksburg, and went with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea. At the close of the war, or shortly afterward, probably in the year 1866-67, he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought land in Sherman township, where he farmed for many years. He also owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in Richland township. At the present time he is retired and lives in Grinnell, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife is aged sixty years. He was raised in the Catholic faith, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Henry D. Sharp was one of four children, all sons, born to this worthy couple, whose names are as follows: Frank E., living in Richland township, married Mary Doak; William M. died when a child; Charles, who lives in Grinnell, engaged in the butcher business, married Cora West.

Until he reached the age of twenty-five the subject lived at home. At that time he started out to work for himself, and for two years he worked by the month as a farm hand. At the expiration of that time he rented a farm for himself, and after one year he bought the place where he now resides. In 1909 he erected the handsome house which now stands there.

On December 21, 1898, Mr. Sharp was united in marriage to Ella Schnell, the daughter of John A. and Caroline (Shutts) Schnell, both natives of Germany, who came to America when quite young. The father's family lived in New York for a few years, then moved to Illinois, near Rock Island. Mr. Schnell came to Iowa nearly fifty years ago and bought forty acres of land in Buena Vista township, later acquired more land, and is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres of fine land. He is now living a quiet and retired life in Newton, Iowa, in which place he has resided for the past seven years. To this estimable couple were born seven children, of whom five survive, namely: John W., who lives on a farm in section 25, in Buena Vista township, married Margaret Castorf; Louis C., who lives in Richland township, on the line of Buena Vista township, married Myrtle Rohrdanz; Emma married Charles McDonough and lives in Richland township; Mary married Artie Sparks and lives in Lynn Grove township, one mile east of Sully; Henry and Edward died in childhood. Mrs. Sharp's father at this time is sixty-eight years of age and her mother is sixty. Mrs. Sharp was born March

4, 1876, in Buena Vista township. To Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have been born two children, namely: Hilda Marie, born July 9, 1900, and Roy, born November 20, 1906. Mrs. Sharp is a member of the Lutheran church in Elk Creek township. Mr. Sharp has held various township offices, serving as clerk in Richland township for six years. In politics he is a Republican.

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### W. C. NIRK.

Specific mention is made of most all the worthy citizens of Jasper county within the pages of this book, citizens who have figured in the growth and development of this favored section of the great Hawkeye state and whose interests are identified with its every phase of progress, each contributing in his sphere of action to the well being of the community in which he resides and to the advancement of its growth in every phase. Among this number is W. C. Nirk, one of the sterling German citizens who have settled within our borders. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 4, 1837, and there he grew to maturity and was educated, remaining there until 1854, when he emigrated to America and settled in Cumberland, Pennsylvania, later moving to Cambridge, Guernsey county, Ohio, where he remained three years, then moved to McLean county, Illinois, and worked as a farm hand for six years, being in the employ of Isaac Funk most of this time, his wife also assisting. They were industrious, frugal and economical and soon had a start, and they came to Baxter, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1864, and here they eventually became well established and are today enjoying the fruits of their earlier years of industry.

Matthew Nirk, father of the subject, was born in Germany in about 1799, and he came to America in an early day, dying in Rhodes, Iowa, in 1886. He married Rosina Liebrand, who was born in Germany and there she lived and died, her death occurring when the subject was quite young. Six children were born to them, three sons and three daughters, namely: Andrew, born in Germany in 1830, died in Illinois; John, born in Germany in 1834, died in Sheldon, Iowa, in 1900; Rosina, born in 1832, died in McLean county, Illinois; W. C., of this review; Catherine Kessler, born in Germany in 1840, is living in Bloomfield, Arkansas.

W. C. Nirk was married in March, 1863, to Anna Kaufman, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1838. Her father, Henry Kaufman, was born in Pennsylvania and his death occurred in Illinois

while enroute to Iowa, where he intended to locate; he married Sarah Schweenhard, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in McLean county, Illinois. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Nirk is the sole survivor; several died young, those reaching maturity being Lizzie, Henry, Susan, Sarah and Mrs. Nirk.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nirk, as follows: Henry, born December 31, 1858, is residing in Iroquois, South Dakota; Sarah Cushatt, born June 2, 1860, lives at Baxter, Iowa; Mary Park, born November 12, 1861, lives at Carlyle, Iowa; Emma Marsh, born in 1864, lives in Minong, Wisconsin; Clara Livingston, born September 21, 1866, lives at Newton, Iowa; John lives at Garfield, Washington; Charles, born April 4, 1873, lives in Jasper county. The three eldest children were born in Illinois, all the others in Jasper county, Iowa.

Mr. Nirk came to Jasper county with but little capital, but he has worked hard and been successful, now owning an interest in one of the best improved farms in Jasper county. About twenty-five years ago he purchased a home in Rhodes where he and his faithful life companion are quietly passing their declining years. They are both fond of good literature and always keep well supplied. Politically, Mr. Nirk is independent. He is an elder in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Rhodes, having been a most faithful member of the church since 1872.

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#### MRS. MARY C. PEASE-TURNER.

In the following lines the biographer sets forth succinctly and, we hope correctly, the leading facts and characteristics of one of Jasper county's estimable ladies, who, since taking up her residence here, has formed a wide acquaintance with its best people, and all speak of her as one whose acts have ever been above idle cavil and singularly free of aught that the world terms unladylike and whose career has been governed throughout by correct and right motives.

Mrs. Mary C. Pease-Turner, who owns the beautiful and well kept Turner homestead in Poweshiek township, known as the "Hawthorne Farm," is the widow of C. C. Turner. She came to the vicinity where she now resides in 1856, with her parents, Andrew and Joanna M. (Cook) Pease, the mother being the daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Pierson) Cook. This family moved here from near Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, where the subject was born September 28, 1832, and therefore she is now, in the line of the

poet, "in the mellow evening twilight of her age." Her father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1804, the son of Andrew and Mary (Engle) Pease. Catherine Pierson, the maternal grandmother of the subject, was the daughter of John Pierson, of New Jersey, who served through the Revolutionary war from 1776 to 1784, and he was for six months one of Washington's life guards. Andrew Pease first served in the French and Indian war. He was a participant in Colonel Crawford's expedition to Upper Sandusky, and, with Doctor Knight and a few others, made their escape, the Colonel and the rest of his band being massacred and tortured to death. The great-grandfather Pease came to this country from Germany and located first near Baltimore, Maryland, then lived in Washington county, Pennsylvania, building the first grist-mill in that county. The subject's mother, Joanna M. Cook, was the daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Pierson) Cook, as before indicated; Daniel Cook was a soldier in the war of 1812, having enlisted from Washington county, Pennsylvania. He later became a resident of Richland county, Ohio, where he was a leader in public affairs, being a man of strong convictions and well informed. His home was a station on the "underground railroad" for the escape of negro slaves from their masters. Mrs. Turner remembers well an incident when she was eight years of age, of hearing Gen. William Henry Harrison make a speech in Mansfield, Ohio, she standing in a buggy. During his speech to the crowd he described fully the death of Tecumseh, the great Indian chief at the battle of the Thames. This family of Cooks descended from the famous Francis Cook, who, with his son, came to Massachusetts as a member of the notable "Mayflower" band, his wife and the rest of the children following the next year on the ship "Ann."

The immediate subject is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being able to trace her ancestry to the war for independence through four lines, while her children trace back to that event through five lines, adding to her own lineage that of their father, C. C. Turner. This is indeed a record of which anyone might well be proud.

Mrs. Turner, of this review, was educated at Mansfield, Ohio, and she taught school in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and after coming to Jasper county, Iowa, she taught the first school in district No. 4, Poweshiek township. She was a woman of education, having kept abreast of the times and is familiar with the world's best literature, having ever kept her home well supplied with good reading matter, still a student of current events at the age of eighty, a lady of intelligence and culture, and her home is a pleasant place for her many friends to gather. She has been active and influential in the moral and religious as well as educational life of this locality.

Mrs. Turner has the following brothers and sisters: Frank L. Pease, who came to Jasper county in 1868, was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in an Ohio regiment; Mary C., of this review, is the second in order of birth; Willis M. has remained single and lives at Colfax, Iowa; Edith M., who is now deceased, married Ed. G. Fish, who died in California; Hugh A. lives at Colfax; he is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry; Marion W., of Colfax, is also a veteran of the Civil war, having served in an Iowa regiment. At one time during that struggle the father, husband and three brothers of the subject were at the front.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Turner: Eva died young; Hugh Pease died in 1882, at the age of sixteen years; he was a most manly and promising boy, whose loss was a great blow to his parents; Edward S. is farming on the home place and living with his mother; he has been very successful as a general farmer and breeder of shorthorn cattle. He has made a great reputation for "Hawthorne Farm," owing to the high grade of his live stock, for which he always finds a very ready sale owing to their superior quality. He married Minnie Westfall, daughter of Lee C. Westfall and wife, the father a veteran of the Civil war who came to Jasper county, in 1854 and he married Jane Poling in July, 1866. She was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, in 1847. Lee C. Westfall is now clerk of Poweshiek township and he has for many years filled local offices and is an influential and highly respected citizen here.

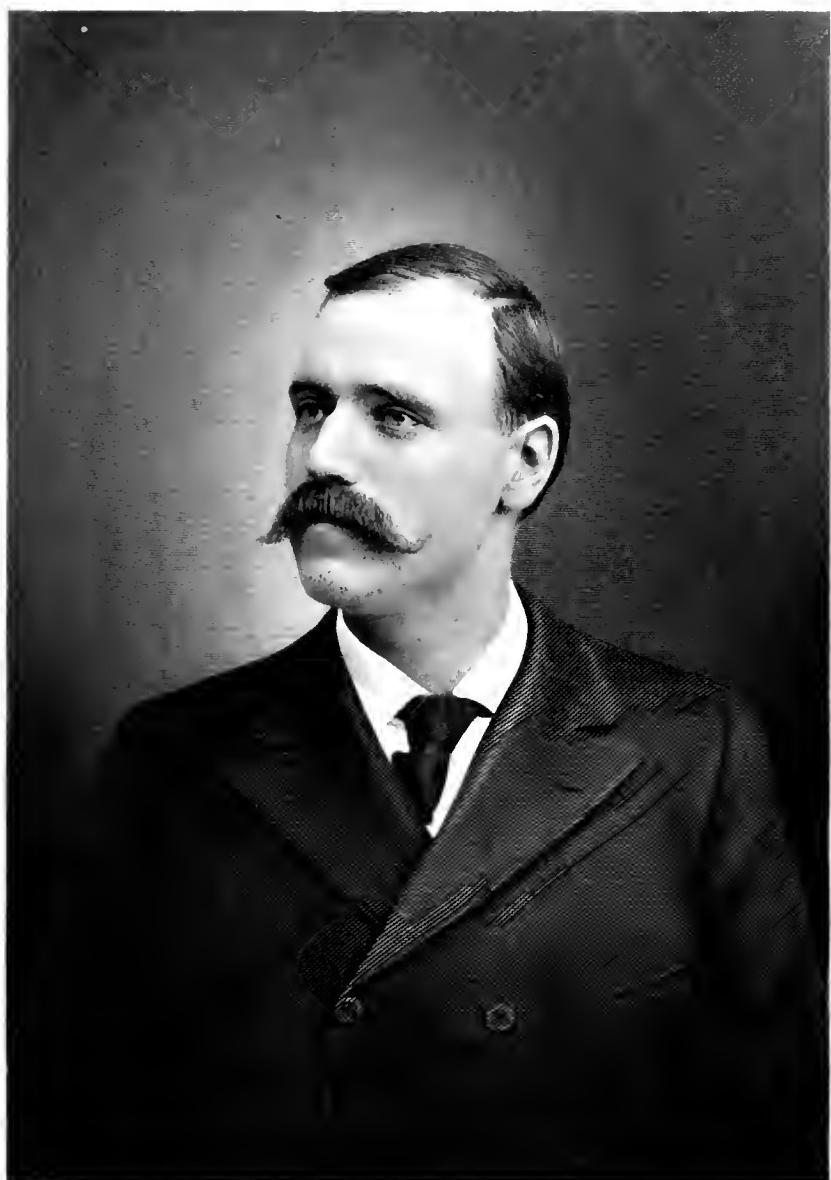
Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Turner, Nellie and Mary, both attending school; Harold Westfall, the oldest, died in infancy.

The Turner family has been one of the most prominent and highly honored of Jasper county's residents from the pioneer days to the present time.

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#### LYMAN A. LONGLEY.

No citizen of a past generation in the eastern part of Jasper county was held in higher esteem than the late Lyman A. Longley, of Rock Creek township, whose life chapter has been closed and the seal set thereon by "the angel with the backward look and folded wings of ashen gray," but his influence is still alive, tending to shape the course of local progress, for the forces for good which he assisted to set in motion here cannot easily be thwarted or diverted. He possessed a broad and liberal nature and gave of his time and means unstintingly to the advancement of all laudable enterprises, as well as



Lyman A. Longley



to dispense with something of a lavish hand the necessities of the poor and unfortunate—in fact, in all that constituted correct living and good citizenship Mr. Longley was a splendid example. There was nothing small or narrow in his composition, but on the contrary he took broad and liberal views of men and affairs and stood "four square to all the world," a fine example of symmetrically developed manhood.

Mr. Longley was born in Chester township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, July 6, 1861, enjoying the distinction of being the first boy born in that township, consequently he grew up amid typical pioneer conditions and was, so to speak, a link between the primitive past and the opulent present, as affected the state of Iowa. He was the son of Amos S. and Cordelia (Bigelow) Longley, both born at Norridgewock, Somerset county, Maine, where they grew up, and as a young man the father of the subject turned his attention to farming, but when the gold excitement, attendant the discovery of the eldorado in California pervaded the world, he joined the famous band of "forty-niners" and made the long journey thither, being very successful as a prospector there, and after remaining there a few years returned to the East. However, he liked the West so well that he returned after marrying, he and his wife selecting for their future home Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1858. Later he moved to the town of Grinnell, where he soon afterwards died. There were but two children in his family, Lyman A., of this review, and Mrs. Mattie J. Marvin, of Grinnell.

Lyman A. Longley enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, having attended the common schools in Grinnell and a business college in Davenport. He then turned his attention to farming, which he continued six years in Jasper county, then, selling his stock, returned to Grinnell where he engaged as a meat cutter in a butcher shop, and while there he studied for the civil service examination, looking to the examination for the United States mail service, and for ten years he was in the railway mail service on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, also the Iowa Central. His work in this connection was very satisfactory to the department. In 1897 the family returned to their farm in Rock Creek township, Jasper county. This farm originally consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, but the place now consists of three hundred and twenty acres of as valuable land as the county can boast. Mr. Longley was a man of thrift and industry and he was very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, kept his place under the most modern improvements and on it he erected a large, modern residence and many good barns and out-buildings, the equipment about the place being modern and to serve every need. He made a specialty of feeding cattle on an extensive scale, shipping to mar-

ket about four car loads annually. For years he was one of the leading stock men of the county.

Mr. Longley was a staunch Republican, and while he took the interest of a fair-minded citizen in everything that pertained to the general good of the township and county honored by his residence, he was never an aspirant for positions of public trust. He was a "standpatter," advocating the principles promulgated by the founders of the party. He belonged to the Modern Woodmen camp, and he and all his family were members of the Congregational church.

On September 14, 1882, Mr. Longley was united in marriage with Alice L. Howard, who was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, April 22, 1859, the daughter of Benoni and Elizabeth Ann (Bartlett) Howard, a well known and highly respected pioneer family of that county, her father having come to that place in 1854, and there he assisted in building the first houses in the county. His death occurred in 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Longley were the parents of the following children: Ethel Cordelia, born October 8, 1883; Ralph Lyman, born August 15, 1892. The latter was attending high school at Grinnell when his father's death occurred on March 29, 1909, consequently after finishing high school he took charge of the farm, then being only sixteen years of age, and he performed the task most admirably with the assistance of his mother, who is a woman of many strong characteristics, good judgment and excellent foresight, and they are carrying on the work inaugurated by Mr. Longley in a most successful manner, keeping the place well tilled and well improved,—in fact, it is only fair to say that Mrs. Longley's counsel and encouragement was responsible in no small degree for her husband's large success.

After his death one who best knew Mr. Longley had this to say of him, which voiced the sentiments expressed by his wide circle of personal friends:

"Lyman A. Longley was a good farmer, a good husband and indulgent father, and in the best sense of the term, a good citizen, and when one has said that, there is little more that can be added. While engaged as a railway postal clerk, he was highly efficient, passing one of the best civil service examinations for this position that it is possible to pass. It was during these years of service that he probably contracted the disease that eventually resulted in his death. He was an active and worthy member of the Congregational church at Grinnell and took a lively interest in the best things of life up to the time of his death. He was a man of refinement and held the highest respect of his fellow men."

## CHARLES HENRY MORGAN.

Although the number of Welshmen in this country is small, yet they have made such a splendid record wherever they have settled as to give their little country an enviable renown; indeed, we would be glad to welcome many more of the sterling sons of this rugged clime, for they have proven to be not only loyal, law-abiding citizens, but also men of courage and industry, willing to go through with any hardships or battle any obstacles if there was a hope of gaining the prize sought; so they have, almost without exception, succeeded in securing good homes and winning the high esteem of their acquaintances. One of this worthy band is Charles Henry Morgan, a progressive farmer and stock man of Poweshiek township, Jasper county, who, since taking up his residence among us some thirty years ago, has become the possessor of a valuable landed estate and has won a host of warm personal friends.

Mr. Morgan was born in South Wales on January 18, 1850, and he is the son of John and Charlotte (Crook) Morgan, both natives of Wales, the father born in 1819 and the mother in 1825. They devoted their lives to farming in their native country and there they died, the father's death occurring on April 1, 1900, the mother having passed away in November, 1899. Charles H. Morgan was the second of five children to grow to maturity, namely: George lives in county Monmouth, England, where he is engaged in railroading, being a manager on a line there; Edwin, who was a coal miner, is deceased; Mrs. Ellen Bryce and Mrs. Hannah Stephens.

The subject, having to work hard when a boy and there being no free schools in his country when he was growing up, received no educational advantages, never having attended school but a week and a half. He remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, assisting his father on the farm, also worked out for his neighbors. He then began working in the coal mines. Seeing little chance of bettering his condition in his home country, he sought larger opportunities in the western hemisphere, emigrating to the United States in 1882 on the steamship "Alaska," at that time the fastest ocean-going vessel afloat. Mr. Morgan located at Akron, Ohio, and for a time worked in a coal mine, but in December of that year he came on to Colfax, Jasper county, Iowa, and worked in the coal mines west of that town for some time. In 1887, having saved his earnings, he purchased forty acres in Poweshiek township. Here he set to work with a will and prospering through good management, he has added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of a splendid farm of two hundred acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, and here he carries on general farming

and stock raising on an extensive scale, being widely known as a hog raiser and feeder. He has a commodious home and a good set of outbuildings on his place. He is the owner of the Plummer Grove coal mine, and his son, John Morgan, and his son-in-law, Frank Bloomquist, manage and run the mine, which is a source of a handsome revenue, producing a fine grade of soft coal. He has been very successful in a business way, all of which he is well deserving considering the fact that his early life was none too encouraging and that he has accumulated his property unaided. Politically, he is a Democrat and he has been school director of his township; also trustee. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Morgan was married on January 8, 1880, to Catherine Thomas, who was born in Wales on January 10, 1856, the daughter of John Thomas, a miner. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, named as follows: John, George, David R., Henry, Ernest and Mrs. Charlotte Bloomquist. All the children, now living, were born in America.

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#### JOHN W. SCHNELL.

The biographies of the representative men of a county bring to light many hidden treasures of mind, character and courage well calculated to arouse the pride of their family and of the community and it is a source of regret that the people are not more familiar with the personal history of such men, in the ranks of whom may be found tillers of the soil, mechanics, teachers, business and professional men of all walks of life. Among the leading citizens of Richland township, Jasper county, is John W. Schnell, and as such he has made his influence felt among his fellow men and earned a name for enterprise, integrity and honor, that entitles him to worthy notice in a work of the nature of this volume, he being a worthy representative of one of the sterling old pioneers of this section.

Mr. Schnell was born in Buena Vista township, this county, on February 4, 1871, and he is the son of John A. and Caroline (Schutts) Schnell, both natives of Germany, the father born in Schleswig-Holstein, in 1843. He was twelve years of age when he accompanied his father, John Schnell, Sr., and the rest of the family to America. They located in the state of New York where they remained two years, then moved to Illinois, in which state they also remained two years. In 1861 they came to Iowa and located in Richland township, Jasper county, the father buying forty acres. He was a hard working man and he prospered, in due course of time establishing a good

home and adding to his original purchase until he owned a section of as fine land as Richland township afforded. This he farmed in a general way, paying considerable attention at the same time to stock raising until he accumulated a comfortable competency and retired in 1905, moving to Newton, where he has a beautiful home and where he and his wife still reside. The elder Schnell is a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. He is a man whom to know is to admire and he has a wide acquaintance and everybody is his friend.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schnell, three sons and three daughters, named as follows: Henry, deceased; John W., of this review; Ada is deceased; Mrs. Ella Sharp; Louis C., of Richland township; Mrs. Emma McDonough and Mrs. Mary Sparks.

John W. Schnell grew to maturity on the home farm in his native community and was educated in the common schools of that vicinity. He assisted with the general work about the home place until he was twenty-four years of age, then rented of his father for a period of three years, then bought eighty acres. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-eight acres of valuable land in Buena Vista and Richland townships, and he is known as the most progressive of our young agriculturists. He has an attractive home and all the comforts of life.

Politically, Mr. Schnell is a Democrat and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church at Elk Creek. On December 4, 1894, he was united in marriage with Maggie M. Castorf, who was born in Elk Creek township, this county, the daughter of Fred Castorf, one of the early settlers of this county, having emigrated here from Germany in an early day. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schnell, Eddie M., Leora and Enid.

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#### H. W. AGAR.

Henry W. Agar was born September 26, 1854, in Livingston county, New York, the son of Thomas and Lucy A. (Alsop) Agar, both natives of England, their home being in Lincoln, Lincolnshire. The family came to the United States about sixty years ago and settled in Livingston county, New York, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. In England he had followed the trade of cabinetmaker and general mechanic.

In 1864 the family removed to Muscatine county, Iowa, Mr. Agar, Sr., buying at that time eighty acres of land, and from time to time he added to his real estate holdings until he owned two hundred and forty-acres of fine

land, and here, in the year 1860, the mother died at the age of fifty-three, leaving beside her husband, four children to mourn her loss. They are as follows: Libby, wife of C. E. Sauerman, a member of the board of county supervisors, lives in Newton; Henry W., the subject of this sketch; Annie E., wife of G. W. Van Camp, representative of Greenfield, Adair county, lives at Greenfield, Iowa; Lollie E., wife of Frederick Grim, stockbuyer and farmer, lives at Sibley, Iowa.

In 1867 Mr. Agar contracted a second marriage with Sarah Rowan, and to this marriage were born three children, as follows: Albert E., a farmer living near Sibley, Iowa; Eugenia, wife of Otto Bohnsack, living on the old home farm in Muscatine county, Iowa; Thomas, stock buyer and farmer, living at Montpelier, Muscatine county, Iowa.

About the year 1900 Mr. Agar, Sr., retired from active labor and moved to Montpelier, Iowa, where, in the year 1905, he departed this life at the age of ninety-one years. His widow still lives in Montpelier.

Henry W. Agar, the subject of this review, lived at home and helped his father on the farm until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he was united in marriage, in 1881, to Ada R. Fridley, the adopted daughter of Henry and Mary (Calhoun) Fridley. Mr. and Mrs. Fridley never had children of their own, and they gladly welcomed into their home the little child of two years, born October 15, 1861, whose parents had become estranged. She was brought up with all the loving care of an only child, and they early instilled into her those virtues and graces which have endeared her to her many friends. Mr. Fridley was a West Virginian by birth and Mrs. Fridley a native of North Carolina. They came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in the year 1846.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Agar lived in Muscatine county and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1885, when they came to Jasper county, where Mr. Agar engaged in farming for a few years, after which he formed a partnership with W. L. Dennis in 1889, and the firm thus established bought out Johnson & Brother's lumber and grain business in Killduff, and this business they conducted until the year 1900, when they sold out to Messrs. Macy and Fleck, and Mr. Agar again engaged in agricultural pursuits and the buying and selling of live stock, which business he still continues to carry on.

To Mr. and Mrs. Agar have been born ten children, whose names are as follows: Ralph, born June 30, 1883, married Cora Earp, and lives in Colfax and is manager for the Denniston Partridge Lumber Company; May, born October 13, 1885, lives in Newton, is the wife of John P. Nelson; Henry, born February 13, 1887, married Mattie De Bruyn, and lives in Jasper county; Leroy, born December 6, 1889, Lookkeeper for the Denniston Partridge Lum-

ber Company at Newton; Ray, born March 3, 1891, lives at home; Iowa, born August 17, 1893, died at the age of fourteen years; Ethel, born June 28, 1895, is attending high school in Newton; Earl, born May 10, 1901, died in infancy; and two other little ones, a boy and a girl, who died at birth.

Mr. Agar is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Sully. He is not affiliated with any church, although he was christened in the Episcopal church when a child and brought up in that belief. In politics his sympathies are with the Democratic party.

Mrs. Agar is a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Kilduff. Her adopted father, Mr. Fridley, died on June 21, 1886, in Muscatine county, Iowa, at the age of eighty-one, and her mother died the 1st day of October, 1911, at the age of ninety-one.

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#### JOHN WHEATCRAFT.

Holding prestige among the successful agriculturists and stock men of Poweshiek township, Jasper county, and ever since his birth an honored resident of this locality, John Wheatcraft, popular township trustee and one of the most energetic and public-spirited local citizens, is entitled to more than passing notice in the biographical history of this section of Iowa. As a tiller of the soil he has labored long and arduously, improving his fine farm until he has brought it to a high and successful state of cultivation.

Mr. Wheatcraft was born in Buena Vista township, this county, on August 24, 1865, and he represents one of the old and highly honored families of the same, being the son of D. H. and Margaret (Oberlier) Wheatcraft, the mother being a sister of John and George Oberlier, of Lincoln, Nebraska, leading wholesale coal and lumber dealers there, and leaders of the business, social and religious life of the Nebraska capital. Their father was Lewis Oberlier. D. H. Wheatcraft was born in Logan county, Ohio, and there he spent his boyhood days, coming to Jasper county, Iowa, in the forties. He located on a farm in Buena Vista township and started life as a pioneer, undergoing the usual deprivations and hardships always incident to the life of a first settler, but he was a hard worker and succeeded in developing a good farm and establishing a comfortable home and there he still resides, being one of the best known and highly respected men of Buena Vista township. He has reached an advanced age and can interest one immensely with his reminiscences of early days and the subsequent development of the county. He is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of labor.

John Wheatercraft, of this review, grew up on the home farm, which he worked during the summer months, and he attended the district schools in the winter time, remaining at home until he started in life for himself.

On May 22, 1887, Mr. Wheatercraft was married to Eliza Listen, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Jane (Pownell) Listen, one of the honored pioneer families of Buena Vista township. To the subject and wife two children have been born, Earl and Nora.

John Wheatercraft has devoted his life to farming and he is the owner of an excellent place in Poweshiek township, consisting of two hundred acres, which he has placed under a high state of improvement and cultivation and where he has a pleasant home and is very successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising on a large scale.

Mr. Wheatercraft has always taken an abiding interest in political affairs, and in 1908 he was elected trustee of Poweshiek township and he made such a splendid record in this office that he has been twice re-elected to the office

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#### HENRY L. KROH.

A few years ago whenever mention was made of the prominent farmers of Elk Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, the name of Henry L. Kroh was one of the first which came to mind. Now, after a long life of usefulness and service, in the army of his country during the war, in the ranks of her toilers in peace, he has gone to that land beyond from which no one returns, to a reward proportionate to the character which he developed in this life.

Henry L. Kroh was born in Toledo, Ohio, on November 4, 1835, and lived in this city with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age. Louis and Elizabeth Kroh, his parents, were among the early settlers of Ohio, and were of a very prominent family, the members of which took a leading part in the affairs of the time. When twenty-seven Henry L. Kroh came west to the comparatively new state of Iowa, seeking a better opportunity, and was in Elk Creek township, Jasper county, when the war broke out. He enlisted in the Tenth Iowa Infantry, Company I, commanded first by Captain Garrit, and later by Captain Pogue, and served for two and one-half years, at the close of which time he received an honorable discharge. He took part in the battle of Shiloh and many other battles of the Western Army, and established his record as an efficient and faithful soldier, who could be relied upon in any situation. When discharged from the army he returned to Iowa, and on August 4, 1864, was married to Harriett Snodgrass, of Jasper county. She was born in 1840, at New Bethel, Indiana, the daughter of Garrett and Letitia Snodgrass, who in 1864 were residing on a Jasper county farm. This union



HENRY L. KROH



was blessed by the birth of the following children: Charles L., who is married and living in Adell, Iowa, and has two children, Evangeline and Lucile; Frank L., who is married and lives south of Galesburg, Iowa, and has one son, Allen; Rolla G. is married and is residing with his mother at East South street in Newton; and Stella, who married L. B. Carpenter, of Galesburg, Iowa, and is the mother of three children, Lowell, Grace and Fay.

After marriage Henry L. Kroh located on a farm of two hundred and sixty-six acres in Elk Creek township, Jasper county, and later bought it. He was a careful and capable farmer, raised excellent crops and the best of stock, and prospered in his affairs. At the time of his death, which occurred on the second day of December, 1905, he was living in Newton, Iowa, in the handsome house where his widow now resides, having retired from active farming. In politics he was a stanch Republican. The Grand Army post at Newton claimed Mr. Kroh as one of its loyal and enthusiastic members. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church at Newton, and he took a leading part in all church activities, and was in deed and thought a true Christian, whose excellent character had won for him the love and esteem of those who knew him, and made his place in the community one hard to fill. To every man he was a friend, to the unfortunate and needy he was especially kind, in his family he was at all times tender and devoted to their welfare, and loved the members of his family as passionately as he was loved by them in return. Truly he was one of nature's noblemen in character.

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#### WILLIAM WATT.

A history of Jasper county would indeed be incomplete if it did not contain a sketch of the life and labors of William Watt, who died in Newton September 20, 1910, at the age of sixty-five years. To say of a man that he was of sterling worth and flawless integrity is to say much, but to add to this that he was a good son, a kind and considerate husband and father, and a man beloved by his fellow men, is to pay him a very high compliment indeed. Yet this and more may truthfully be said of the subject of this review, for William Watt was a great soul. Upon his willing shoulders many burdens heaped themselves even early in boyhood, and the ensuing years added additional duties and responsibilities, but he met each with the same kindly smile which at once reflected his serenity of mind as well as the understanding sympathy of his great heart.

Reared in the wilderness, his boyhood was spent close to God's great primitive handiwork and here it was, from companionship with woods and stream, meadow and flower, that he drank in that sturdiness of character and beauty of mind which stamped his later life and made his character one of exceptional sweetness. Always a proud man, he was very modest and retiring, never courting publicity and the acclaim of his fellows, but he never failed or faltered in the right as he saw it and died beloved as few men have been.

Mr. Watt was born in Guelph, Canada, August 5, 1845, being the son of Charles Watt and Margaret (Hamilton) Watt, natives of Scotland, his parents having married in Canada. He was ten years old when he came to Jasper county with his parents, who had taken up land in the then new country, which land is still in the family. Of the hardships of these pioneers much might be said did space permit. Their first home was a small, mud plastered, log hut wherein the first bitter winter was partly spent until the kindness of a neighbor relieved their condition. The next spring a better home was built and the family set to work with a will to establish a home in the new land. But, alas, new trouble was in store for them, for three years after coming to Iowa the father, Charles Watt, of sainted memory, was drowned in what has ever since been known as Watt lake. Thus left alone in the new country, the widow and children were in a pitiable plight but William, the subject of this review, although but thirteen years of age, set resolutely to work. In such a crucible was his character moulded and tried, until at last it came forth the finest of gold, for from his efforts the foothold already gained by the family was retained and foundation pillars of one of the county's best families firmly established.

On November 30, 1871, Mr. Watt was united in marriage with Amanda A. Pierce, daughter of Alfred Pierce and Elvira (Kelsey) Pierce, natives of Wisconsin, who was his loyal wife and helpmate until May 31, 1909, when she passed away, but a short time prior to the passing of him in whose honor and remembrance this review is written. To this union were born eight children, six of whom are living: Mrs. Nelson Hammerly; Mrs. John Tiedje; Charles; Arthur, of this vicinity; Mrs. Herman McMurray, of Woodbine, Iowa; and Florence, who has kept the home for her father ever since the death of her mother.

Mr. Watt's mother died April 3, 1912, aged eighty-five years, and he is survived by three brothers and three sisters: Lawson and Charles Watt, of Sherman township; Jasper Watt, of Long Beach, California; Mrs. Jane DeWolf; Mrs. Mary Newhouse and Miss Elsie Watt.

Mr. Watt was a member of the Congregational church, having been a member for many years and one of the best known men in the county. About five years prior to this writing, Mr. and Mrs. Watt left the old farm and came to town, hoping to find the rest and comfort in life's sunset which they so richly merited, and to enjoy the competence that they had won from the soil by years of labor and perseverance. They purchased the beautiful Engle flat on McDonald street, but the divine arbiter of all things decreed otherwise. In the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Watt, Jasper county has sustained a loss which is understood by all, but keenly appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to count them as friends and acquaintances. Thus is a good life honored.

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#### JEREMIAH KELLY.

Among the substantial citizens and representative agriculturists and stockmen of Jasper county is Jeremiah Kelly, who is the owner of a fine landed estate in Poweshiek township, and is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and energy which are sure to find their natural sequence in definite success, having always been a hard worker, a good manager and a man who would quickly grasp an opportunity when it arose, and being fortunately situated in a thriving farming community, it is no wonder that he stands today in the front rank of his vocation.

Mr. Kelly is one of that vast horde of worthy citizens who have come to us from the Emerald Isle and who have done so much in furthering the civilization of the United States during its three centuries of existence, his birth having occurred in Kilrush, county Clare, Ireland. He is the son of James and Mary (Sillon) Kelly. He emigrated to America, settling near Mount Forrest, Ontario, Canada, in 1844 and farmed there until 1877, when he came to Jasper county, Iowa, where he has since made his home. He has said that his only regret is that he did not make the move sooner, for in Canada he struggled against adverse circumstances, including a bad climate, trying to farm when, in some seasons, there was frost every month in the year. Here he has found a more genial climate in which various crops thrive and by his indomitable industry, unflagging courage and rare tact he has prospered, being now the owner of one of the valuable and model farms of the county, which consists of nine hundred and sixty acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation and on which he has made a great success as a general farmer and stock raiser, deserving a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, considering the fact that he started with nothing and has

had no assistance save that of a faithful wife and children. He has a beautiful and well furnished home, substantial and convenient outbuildings and about his place excellent grades of live stock are to be seen throughout the year.

When he lived in Canada he was a Liberal or a reformer in politics and he was active in his section, as was also his brother, who was a member of the county council. He and his sons are Democrats, adhering strictly to the free-trade doctrine of the people of their former allegiance. The family are all members of the Valeria Roman Catholic church.

Before leaving Ireland, Mr. Kelly was married to Mary Finucan, who was born near Kilrush, county Clare, Ireland, the daughter of Michael and Mary (Malone) Finucan. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly the following children have been born: James died in 1909, at the age of fifty-two years, in Poweshiek township, where his widow, who was a Miss King, and their children still reside; John is at home assisting in the management of the farm; Michael is married and has a fine farm, well improved, near his father's place; William A. is at home and assisting with the farm work; Edward died when twenty-two years of age; Mary is the wife of Michael Failor of Polk county, Iowa; Maggie is the wife of T. J. Shaw and they, too, live in Polk county; Agnes married A. P. McMannis and they live in Marshall county, Iowa; Nora married George McNance, of Marshall county; Carrie is the wife of L. H. Lyon, of Colfax, Jasper county; Lucy died when seventeen years old; Lizzie died at the age of twenty-eight.

No family in western Jasper county is better or more favorably known or more highly esteemed than the Kellys.

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#### LEE C. WESTFALL.

In studying the interesting life histories of many of the better class of men, and the ones of unquestioned merit and honor, it will be found that they have been compelled very largely to map out their own career and furnish their own motive force in scaling the heights of success and it is of such a one that the biographer now writes, Lee C. Westfall, an honored veteran of the great Rebellion and a substantial citizen of Mingo, Poweshiek township, Jasper county.

Mr. Westfall was born in Morgan county, Indiana, on October 10, 1842. He is the son of A. P. and Sarah Pettit Westfall, being their only child. They came from Knox county, Illinois, to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1854, locating at Monroe, then Tolls Point. The mother's second husband was Joseph Owens,

The subject became both a stationary and locomotive engineer, making this his principal life work, following his chosen vocation until about 1890, when he retired. He was one of the brave sons of the North who offered his services and his life, if need be, that the Union might be perpetuated, enlisting at Monroe, Jasper county, in Company B, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at the first call for three-year troops, and he served until in July, 1865, in a manner that stamped him as an efficient and loyal American soldier. He served under Grant at Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, in fact, all the engagements in the West. After the fall of Vicksburg he was sent to Georgia and fought at Kenesaw Mountain and in all the battles in the Atlanta campaign. He was wounded on July 21, 1864. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea, and went from Savannah, Georgia, through the Carolinas to Washington City.

After returning home from the army Mr. Westfall resumed his work as engineer, becoming widely known in this part of the state in this line of endeavor. For a number of years he has been township trustee and he has been township clerk for the past fourteen years, and secretary of the township school board for the past fifteen years. Politically, he is a Republican. He is a member of the E. H. Keyes Post No. 514, Grand Army of the Republic, at Mingo, being adjutant of the same for fifteen years. He has filled these offices with much credit to himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Westfall was married in 1866, in this county, to Jane Poling, daughter of Martin Poling, who served in the Civil war in the same company and regiment with the subject, as did also Mrs. Westfall's brother, Silas Poling. The mother of Mrs. Westfall was known in her maidenhood as Peary Carpenter; they were born in Randolph county, Virginia, from which they went to Union county, Ohio, then came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1856, and they died in Shelby county, this state.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Westfall, namely: Alice married D. D. Adams, son of Elias Adams, a pioneer here; S. W. is farming in Poweshiek township; Minnie L. married E. S. Turner, of this township, who is mentioned in the sketch of his father, C. C. Turner, appearing in this work; Arthur M. is farming in Winnebago county, Minnesota; Leroy G. lives in Mingo, Iowa; he is at present clerk in Baker & Baker's general store in Mingo.

The mother of these children passed to her rest on October 14, 1901, and on August 25, 1903, Mr. Westfall was married to Mrs. Mary Anderson, daughter of James Solomon, a pioneer of Poweshiek township, Jasper county.

Mr. Westfall is well known throughout the county and is highly respected by all as one of the worthy pioneers and veterans.

## WILLIAM R. JICKLING.

The maxim "Through struggle to triumph" holds good in every locality and while it is true that many aspirants to fame and fortune fall exhausted in the "fierce conflict which men call life," a few by their inherent force of character and strong mentality, rise above their environment and all which seems to hinder them until they reach the goal toward which their face was set through the long years of struggle that must necessarily precede any accomplishment of great magnitude. Such has been the history of William R. Jickling, a successful farmer of Sherman township, Jasper county. He was born in Barry county, Michigan, June 9, 1864, the son of John D. and Susan (Cuthbert) Jickling. Robert Jickling, the paternal grandfather, who was a native of England, emigrated to Canada in 1836, and there the father of the subject of this sketch was born, and in the Dominion his parents spent the rest of their lives. Susan Cuthbert, mentioned above, was born in England and when thirteen years of age she emigrated to the United States and selected Michigan as her future home. She was accompanied by her parents, who died in that state. John D. Jickling moved to Michigan in an early day and there he married. In 1865 he moved to Jasper county, Iowa, and here he worked at his trade of harness-making for three months, then bought eighty acres in Sherman township, which he broke and improved and erected substantial buildings on it. Here he has prospered, being a hard worker and a good manager, and he is now the owner of four hundred and fifty-four acres in one body, constituting as good and desirable land as the township affords. Since 1903 he has lived in the village of Ira, where he has a fine home. His family consists of five children, four of whom are living. Politically, the elder Jickling is a Republican, but he has never been very active in public affairs.

William R. Jickling was reared on the home farm and there he worked when a boy, attending the public schools in his district. He remained at home until he was thirty-four years of age, working with his father, in fact, he still works with him a great deal. In 1891 he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Sherman and Poweshiek townships, and he has made extensive improvements on the same, including a large, convenient and attractive home and good outbuildings, and he has met with a large measure of success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has added to his original purchase until he now has four hundred and twenty-two acres in Sherman, Poweshiek, Independence and Mound Prairie townships. He raises and feeds a great many cattle and hogs.

Politically, Mr. Jickling is a Republican, but is not a public man, preferring to devote his attention to his large farming interests, though he is always ready to support any measure looking to the general advancement of his community.

On March 5, 1898, Mr. Jickling was united in marriage with Clara Belle Day, a native of Story county, Iowa, and the daughter of Jackson and Maria Day, who came to this county from Indiana. Her father's death occurred in 1889, his widow surviving until 1903. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jickling, namely: Ethel May died in infancy; Florence Fay, born August 23, 1900.

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#### GEORGE P. PIERCE.

Among the citizens of Sherman township, Jasper county, Iowa, who have built up comfortable homes and surrounded themselves with valuable landed estates and personal property, none has been more worthy of the large success attained than George P. Pierce. With few opportunities except what his own efforts were capable of mastering and with many discouragements to overcome, he has succeeded admirably and now as the forerunners of old age are upon him he has the gratification of knowing that the community in which he has resided for nearly a half century has benefited by his industry and his counsel.

Mr. Pierce was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, March 11, 1845, the son of Alfred and Julia (Kelsey) Pierce. His paternal grandparents were natives of New York and in a very early day moved to Wisconsin and there spent the remainder of their lives. The father of the subject was born in New York and he moved to Wisconsin with his parents. The maternal grandparents, natives of New York also, moved to Wisconsin in pioneer times, and in that state the parents of the subject were married and there spent their lives on a farm, Alfred Pierce owning three hundred and twenty acres of the time of his death, about 1860, his wife having died in 1845 when George P., of this sketch was an infant. Their family consisted of eight children, five of whom are living. The father was a hard-working, quiet, home man, and was a member of the Christian church.

George P. Pierce grew up on the home farm in Wisconsin and there attended the common schools, remaining under the home roof until he was twenty years of age, then, in 1865, he came to Iowa, locating in Sherman township, Jasper county. About 1875 he bought eight acres in this township,

which he broke and improved, and gradually added to the same until he has at present a valuable place of one hundred and thirty-five acres, well improved with modern buildings, and here he carries on general farming and stock raising, though for the past six years he has been living practically retired.

Politically, Mr. Pierce is a Republican, and he has held a number of local offices, including township trustee. He and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Mr. Pierce was married in 1866 to Elizabeth Harter, a native of Wisconsin, and the daughter of William and Elizabeth Harter, old settlers there who came to Iowa about 1860 and spent their last days here. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, namely: Amanda Ellen; Frank Alfred and Nora Edith are both deceased; William C., Charles W., Audra; Clifford is deceased; Frank.

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#### AVERY THOMAS LAWRENCE.

There are individuals in nearly every community who, by reason of pronounced ability and force of character, rise above the heads of the masses and command the unbounded esteem of their fellowmen. Characterized by perseverance and a directing spirit, two virtues that never fail, such men always make their presence felt and the vigor of their strong personalities serves as a stimulus and incentive to the young and rising generation. To this energetic, enterprising, broad-minded and strong-souled class Avery Thomas Lawrence, of Newton, belongs. He is one of the best known men in Jasper county, where, for several decades, he has played no secondary role in the drama of material and public affairs, and who, now that the autumn of his years has come, is living serenely in his cozy home in the county seat, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of strenuous endeavor.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Jefferson county, New York, December 3, 1836. He is the son of Daniel T. and Almira (Brown) Lawrence, the father born on the coast of Massachusetts, July 16, 1803, and his death occurred on October 4, 1883, at Volga, Iowa, and the mother died on April 28, 1852.

When the father of the subject was five years old he went with his parents to the state of New York, which was then a wilderness, and there he grew up like all pioneer children. He was married when twenty-four years of age, and in his youth learned the shoemaker's trade, which he subsequently followed until 1837, when he came to Madison county, Ohio, and there he reared his



MR. AND MRS. AVERY T. LAWRENCE



family of six daughters and one son. In 1854 he moved to Perry township, Clayton county, Iowa, and there he developed a farm on which he continued to reside until his death.

Avery T. Lawrence, of this review, was educated in the pay schools of his day in Ohio, and he has been a great reader and student of miscellaneous themes all his life, thereby acquiring a vast fund of knowledge,—in fact, he is the peer of all of his contemporaries in this locality when it comes to being profoundly and broadly educated, and, being for the most part self-learned, he is thereby deserving of all the more praise. He has always been liberal in his religious belief, taking human character for its standard before mere profession. He has carried on his researches fearlessly and, being a vigorous and independent thinker, he has ever been his own exponent. A keen student of nature, he has ever been an interested student of bird, animal and plant life, a lover of the wild, viewing God's glorious out-of-doors with both the eye of a poet and a philosopher, through which majesty and inscrutable splendor and mystery he has been enabled to see the working of the Master Mind, the handiwork of the Deity. He believes in the application of the Golden Rule in his everyday life, and his word has ever been considered as good as the bond of most men.

On March 9, 1873, Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage with Mary C. Gill, of Jefferson, New York. This union was without issue. Mrs. Lawrence's death occurred on April 9, 1893, and on June 15, 1895, the subject was united in marriage with Florida Martha Boyd, who was born in Chicago, June 26, 1852, the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Mayfield) Boyd, her father a native of the District of Columbia, and the mother was born in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Boyd was for many years in the employ of the government in different capacities and at various points, in Wisconsin and Chicago, part of the time as Indian agent. He subsequently engaged in the dry-goods business, and in 1854, while on a trip to New York to buy goods, his death occurred at Detroit, Michigan, while just in the prime of life. His wife died in Illinois when fifty-one years old. Their family consisted of six children, of whom two, Thomas and Harriet, are deceased; Mary is the wife of Albert DuPuis, a farmer near Savanna, Illinois; Charles is a surveyor in Colorado; Virginia is the wife of Henry Bell, of Chicago.

Mrs. Lawrence's great-great-grandfather Boyd was a prominent public man in his day and in the early history of America he was appointed minister plenipotentiary to France.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence has been born one child, Ruth, who is now attending high school, where she is making a splendid record, and she is taking special training in instrumental music.

At one time Mr. Lawrence was quite active as a Greenback politician. He called the first Greenback convention ever held in Clayton county.

In a business way Mr. Lawrence has been very successful. He was formerly engaged in the creamery business on an extensive scale, shipping butter from his farm to New York City. Some twenty years ago he bought the place adjoining Newton where he has since resided, leading a retired life. He is one of the worthy "boys in blue," having served his country well as a soldier in one of the western armies during the war between the states, being at the front ten months; however, he spent most of his time in the hospital, sick, and was compelled to return home on account of physical disability, but he had seen some hard service during that brief period.

Mr. Lawrence is one of a family of seven children, named as follows: Mary, wife of Benjamin Hunt, of Kensington, Kansas; Mrs. Emily Ross died in Ohio; Avery Thomas, of this sketch, was next in order of birth; Estella, who married Thomas Piper, lives in Greeley, Colorado; Almira lives in Wisconsin; Theodosia married George Rue and they live in Greeley, Colorado; Ellen is the wife of John Emery, of Newton.

Thomas Lawrence, paternal grandfather of the subject, was a picturesque frontiersman and Indian fighter, and he served three years in the army during the Indian wars; after his discharge he was compelled to walk all the way from Massachusetts to Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are cultured, educated and hospitable people whom it is a pleasure to meet and they have a host of friends throughout the locality of which this history deals.

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#### ALBERT JOHNSON.

One of the owners of extensive farming interests in Jasper county is the gentleman whose name initiates this sketch. His valuable property has been acquired through his own efforts, his persistency of purpose and his determination, and the prosperity which is the legitimate reward of all earnest efforts is today his. Mr. Johnson is easily the peer of any of his fellows in the qualities that constitute correct manhood and good citizenship. He is what he is from natural endowment and self-culture, having attained his present position solely through the impelling force of his own genius. He possesses not only those powers which render men efficient in the material affairs of life, but also the gentler traits that mark genial and refined social intercourse. In his daily

affairs he manifests a generous regard for his fellows and as a large-hearted, whole-souled gentleman, actuated by principles of honesty, no man in the county merits and commands more fully the good will of the people.

Albert Johnson, of Lynnville, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, August 19, 1840, and he is the son of Jervis and Malissa L. Johnson, both natives of Virginia, in which state the father grew up and engaged in farming until he was twenty-seven years of age, then came to Henry county, Indiana, locating at Dublin, and there engaged in manufacturing hats and eight years later he came to Montgomery county, Indiana, locating near Crawfordsville and there continued the manufacture of hats, also owned and operated a farm there. In 1851 he came to Lynn Grove township, Jasper county, Iowa, and entered the old homestead of two hundred and forty acres from the government, near Lynnville, later adding one hundred and sixty acres more which he improved and there he carried on farming extensively until his death, in 1882. He was a member of the Friends church. His family consisted of five sons, named as follows: Joseph, deceased; Albert, of this review; Jervis, deceased; Charles lives at Hartford, Kansas; Henry lives in Grinnell, Iowa.

Albert Johnson attended school in Indiana and a short time after coming to Jasper county. His parents being pioneers here had plenty of hard work to do in getting a start, so he was compelled to do his share of the labor. They had come to Indiana from Virginia in a one-horse cart with all their belongings, the total value of which was practically nothing, and they emigrated to Iowa in a wagon, and upon their arrival in Lynn Grove they invited their neighbors for miles around to assist in building their first cabin. They became well known and influential here and developed a splendid farm which is now owned by their son, Albert, of this sketch. The father was always a Republican and was during the days of slavery agitation a conductor on the "underground railroad." The day the subject was eighteen years of age his father sent him with a family of runaway slaves to J. B. Grinnell's residence, the next station.

Albert Johnson was married on June 24, 1903, to Anna J. Wilson, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, February 6, 1858. She is the daughter of Gideon C. and Susan (Stokes) Wilson, both of whom spent their lives in Indiana, in which state Mrs. Johnson was born, at Milton, but they did not get acquainted until reaching maturity, having met in California, where Mrs. Johnson lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reside in Lynnville, where they have a fine residence. He is a member of the Friends church, and is an open-hearted, genial gentleman whom everybody likes.

## BARNEY ESMAYER.

A wealthy man and a man of influence, especially among those of his own nationality, is Barney Esmeyer. Born in Holland on February 25, 1864, he came to the United States in 1892 with no capital except his two hands, and in the eighteen years that he has lived here he has become one of the wealthy farmers of his community. He was the only one of his family that ever left his native country. His father, whose name was also Barney, was a farmer by occupation, and died in Holland in the year 1900, at the age of sixty-four. His mother's name before her marriage was Nellie Johnson, and she departed this life in the year 1889, aged sixty-four. To this couple there were born six children besides the subject of sketch, namely: Minnie, who married Al Middledorf; John; Erades; Dick, who died at the age of thirty-two years; and Bertha, who married a man by the name of Johnson.

Barney Esmeyer, as stated above, was born in Holland in 1864 and came to the United States on July 4, 1892, on the vessel "Spwordan," landing in New York City. Later he came to Iowa and settled in Mahaska county, where he worked on farms by the month for two years, at the expiration of which time he came to Jasper county, and continued working by the month for James Tough for three years. In June, 1907, he was united in marriage with Hannah Laskewitz, who was born in Buffalo, New York, on August 2, 1850. Her parents were also native Hollanders, her father having been born in the Netherlands. Two years after he came to America he met and shortly afterwards married his wife. It was a case of love at first sight. She had just come from Holland and had taken the train to Buffalo, and it was while she was getting off the train at Buffalo that Mr. Laskewitz first saw her and fell in love with her. He sought her acquaintance and in less than a year they were married. After their marriage they lived for a while in Buffalo, about two years, and then removed to Lancaster, where the father kept a grocery store. Later Mr. Laskewitz came to Pella, Iowa, and engaged in the same business, but about a year later he removed to a farm. Three or four years later he bought land in Richland township and moved there. At the time of his death, which occurred on October 4, 1899, Mr. Laskewitz owned two hundred and thirty acres of land in section 31, Richland township. He was seventy-seven years of age at the time of his death. Mrs. Laskewitz, whose maiden name was Jenette Tihsan, died in the year 1906, at the age of seventy-four. To this couple were born nine children, of whom Mrs. Esmeyer was the eldest, the others being as follows: Herman, who lives in Grinnell; Henry, living in Richland township, Iowa; Jap, who died in infancy; John, also

living in Richland township; Alex lives in Newton, Iowa; Rena, wife of Grant Murphy, lives in Oklahoma; Edward lives in Minnesota; and Nellie died at the age of three.

After the marriage of Mr. Esmeyer he rented a farm in Richland township for a couple of years and then bought one hundred and twenty acres of land near Killduff in Buena Vista township. This land he sold three years ago, and two years later bought the two hundred acres on which he now resides.

Besides his general farming he raises cattle and hogs for the market, from which he derives a handsome income. His farm is well improved and in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Esmeyer are the parents of five children, namely: Dewey, born October 10, 1897, died in September, 1902, of scarlet fever; Bennett, born December 31, 1899; Jennie and Edward, twins, born April 2, 1901, the little girl dying in infancy; Nellie, born September 22, 1902, died September 15, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Esmeyer are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant View.

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#### ARTHUR STEWART MORRISON.

There is little that interests one more than to observe how different men begin and continue the duties of life. Some commence in hesitation and seem to hesitate at every obstacle they encounter. Others begin boldly, but after a time show by some defect in execution, that they have not properly mastered their tasks. Still others commence with a steady grasp of the situation, and show by their subsequent accomplishments that they have compassed the problem of life; to the last class success always comes and they are the men to leave behind them good names and large properties honorably won in life's struggle.

Though yet a young man, Arthur Stewart Morrison, farmer of Kellogg township, Jasper county, has won a definite measure of success because he started right and continued along conservative and time-tried lines. He is a native son of this county and has spent his life here, knowing that there would be no laudable excuse for seeking a better locality. He is the representative of a good family, being the son of James Gordon Morrison and wife, the latter known in her maidenhood as Minnie Perkins, and his birth occurred here on January 2, 1880. The father of the subject was born in the state of New York and the mother in Ireland. She came to America when young and mar-

ried Mr. Morrison in the East, and they came to Jasper county, Iowa, about 1874 and settled on a farm which they developed, becoming very comfortably established and on which they spent the balance of their lives, the father dying June 6, 1904, and the mother in 1902.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James S. Morrison, of whom Arthur S., of this review, is the oldest; the others are George, May, Harry, Harriett, Edward and Don.

The subject assisted with the general work about the home place as soon as he was old enough and attended the schools in his vicinity. He started in life for himself early, devoting his attention to farming and stock raising, which he has continued successfully to the present. He is the owner of a very desirable place, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, of rich, slightly rolling, well improved ground which produces, under his able management, an abundance of general crops. He located on this farm in 1895. Mr. Morrison has remained single. Politically, he is a Democrat and he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### HERLEY G. GEARHART

Among the honorable and influential citizens of Jasper county is Herley G. Gearhart, of Sherman township, who has here maintained his home for many years, winning a definite success by means of the agricultural industry to which he has devoted his attention during the years of an active business life. His career has been without shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil and thus he has ever commanded the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

Mr. Gearhart was born in Pennsylvania, October 30, 1852, the son of Jacob and Julia (Reeder) Gearhart, the father a native of France and the mother of New York, the former having emigrated to America with his parents when a mere boy and located in Pennsylvania, in which state his parents died. Julia Reeder's parents were natives of Ireland, from which country they emigrated to Pennsylvania. The father was a heater in the iron works in Pennsylvania for eighteen years. In 1857 the family came to Iowa and located in Jasper county, buying eighty acres in Sherman township. This land they cleared, broke and developed into a good farm. Jacob Gearhart added to his original purchase until he owned a fine farm of about four hundred acres at the time of his death, in 1903. He was a successful farmer and lived a quiet, home life. His widow survived until 1907. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living.

Herley G. Gearhart was educated in the public schools of Jasper county and reared on the home farm, and he has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, first renting land, then moved to Shelby county, this state, where he lived five or six years. Returning to Jasper county in 1893, he here bought one hundred and sixty acres in Sherman township which he has placed under high grade improvements, and he has since purchased one hundred and sixty acres more. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and has a pleasant home.

Politically, Mr. Gearhart is a Republican and he has held a number of the township offices, always in a most acceptable manner. Fraternally, he belongs to the Blue Lodge of Masons.

Mr. Gearhart was married in 1873 to Cynthia Green, a native of Illinois, and the daughter of Harvey and Mary Green, old settlers there. To the subject and wife seven children have been born, namely: Charlotte, Arthur, Della, Jacob, Mary, Morton and Earl.

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#### GEORGE W. WALKER.

There is no calling, however humble, in which enterprise and industry, coupled with a well directed purpose, will not be productive of some measure of success, and in the pursuit of agriculture the qualities mentioned are quite essential. Among the progressive farmers of the younger generation in Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, who have attained to a definite degree of success, George W. Walker is deserving of mention, for while advancing his own interests he has not been neglectful of his larger duties of citizenship, and consequently the community has been benefited through his life-long residence.

Mr. Walker was born on the farm where he still resides, in this township, on June 6, 1873, the son of Charles and Sarah J. (Clair) Walker, the father born in New York state in 1834 and the mother in Kentucky. When a young man the former went to Illinois, locating near Monmouth and there owned a small farm. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in Company L, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with much credit for three years, after which he drove overland with wagon and horses to Jasper county, Iowa, and located in Mound Prairie township, where he bought eighty acres, to which he later added until he owned a good farm of one hundred and eighty acres. In 1903 he sold out and moved to Day county, South Dakota, and there purchased a half section, but he died seven weeks after his

arrival there. His widow is still living. He served his district as school director and was also road supervisor. Politically, he was a Republican and in religious matters a Free Methodist. His family consisted of four children, one son and three daughters, of whom George W. of this review, was the second in order of birth, namely: Mrs. Flora March, Mrs. Hattie Bradley and Mrs. Esther Bruce.

George W. Walker grew up on the home farm and there helped with the general work about the place, attending the district schools during the winter months. He remained with his father on the home place until he was twenty-four years of age. He then started in life for himself by renting land of his father for four years; he then bought one hundred and sixty acres of the homestead and here he still resides, having kept it well improved and well cultivated and he has met with encouraging success all the while. Politically, he is a Republican and he is at present school director of his district.

Mr. Walker was married on February 24, 1897, to Lilly G. Daniels, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, the daughter of Robert W. Daniels, an early settler. To the subject and wife two children have been born, namely: Winnie V., born June 15, 1897, and Hilma Irene, born April 5, 1902.

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#### GEORGE W. NEWELL.

The subject of this sketch, who bore the illustrious name of George Washington Newell, was born April 28, 1845, near Mount Vernon, Knox county, Ohio. He was the second child born to Hugh and Sarah (Lovridge) Newell. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother of Ohio. The father died in Ohio in 1859, at the age of forty-five years, when the boy George was only thirteen years old. The mother lived to attain her eighty-first birthday, dying in 1902 in Ohio.

Mr. Newell was one of eight children, five of whom are still living, the eldest, Anna, dying at the age of fifteen years; Mary Newell, who married Samuel Finerty, now deceased, in 1909; Margaret, who married Miller Rush; John, who married Emma J. Parker; and Clara, the youngest child, who became the wife of S. Willard, all live in Knox county, Ohio, the home of their birth; Olive, who married Aaron Bebout, lives at Gatesville, Texas, and Thomas Newell lives in Texas, near Sonora.

On the 12th day of October, 1875, Mr. Newell was united in marriage to Amanda Brown, daughter of Garrett and Mary (Holland) Brown, her father being a native of Maryland and her mother a native of West Virginia. She



GEORGE W. NEWELL



was one of nine children, whose names are: James U., who died in the army in 1864, enlisting in Ohio; Ann E., who married Caleb Burdett, and lives near Poplar Springs, Maryland; Reason H., who married Harriet Bixby, and who died in Ohio; Joanna V., who married Robert White, and died in Mount Vernon, Ohio; Mary L. married Frank Brock, of Mt. Vernon; William M., who married Nancy J. Mills, lives in Union county, Iowa; Henry M., unmarried, and Frank, who married Ethel Gray.

Mrs. Newell's father died in 1865, at the age of sixty-five years, in Ohio, where also her mother died in 1890, at the age of eighty-six. In March, 1876, soon after the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Newell, they removed from Ohio to Iowa. For about five years he rented land, not being possessed of capital to buy. But at the end of that time he bought one hundred and forty acres in Kellogg township, near Rushville. Here he lived for nine years, when he sold it and bought the beautiful home where he lived until his death, consisting of one hundred and eighty-one and one-half acres in Palo Alto township, paying only thirty-three and one-third dollars per acre for it. The house which was there when Mr. Newell bought the place has been moved back and an elegant, commodious house now stands in its place.

To Mr. and Mrs. Newell have been born six children, as follows: Nora L., born August 12, 1876, married to William Starrett, and to this couple have been born three children, William L., George L. and Daniel C. They live in Kellogg township on a farm; Clifton D., the second child, was born December 31, 1877, married Christina Paulson, and lives in Kellogg township on a farm and have one little daughter, Dorothy Ruth; Clayton E., born October 10, 1879, living in Palo Alto township, married Ina Eaton, and they have four children, Iva B., Thelma, Ralph and Rowena A., now living in Gettysburg, South Dakota; George M. Newell, born January 20, 1882, lives in California; Bessie H., born August 31, 1883, married Peter Jensma, lives in Newton township on a farm, and they have three children, Ethel, Celia Bessie and Wilhelmina; Bertha E., born April 30, 1885, lives at home with her mother.

Mr. Newell was a public spirited man and a man of sterling worth and of progressive ideas. He was a Democrat, but was not what one would call a fastidious one. He never aspired to public office. At one time he was elected justice of the peace in Mariposa township, but he refused to serve. He served as school director for five years and for the last fifteen years he had been chairman of the board of trustees of the Methodist Protestant church of Hixon Grove. Mrs. Newell is also a member of this church. Mr. Newell was called to his final rest on April 21, 1912, honored and beloved by all who knew him. He was a good husband, a loving father and will be remembered for many a year by those near and dear to him.

## WILLIAM A. CRAIG.

Among the enterprising citizens of Hickory Grove township who owe their success and advancement in life to their own industry and well directed efforts, is William A. Craig, who, after a very active and successful life as an agriculturist and stock man, is now living retired in his pleasant home in the town of Newburg. He hails from far-away Ireland, from which isle has come such a great number of industrious and useful citizens to our states. Like nearly all those who come from his country, he is a man of tact, energy and perseverance and during his residence in this country made a good home and earned the reputation of an honest, upright citizen.

Mr. Craig was born in county Antrim, Ireland, June 25, 1848, the son of John G. and Hannah (Anderson) Craig, both born in Ireland but both of Scotch parentage. They grew up, were married and, in fact, spent their entire lives in their native land. The elder Craig was a grocer. They had but one child, William A., of this review. They were both members of the Presbyterian church.

The subject was educated in Ireland and when his father died in 1849 he entered the grocery store, learned the mercantile business and followed it for some time. After spending seven years in England he emigrated to America in 1878, reaching New York City on July 14th. He came on to Cambridge, Ohio, where he visited friends four weeks, then came to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres in Hickory Grove township, and here he set to farming, improved his land and made it yield abundantly, so that he soon had a comfortable living and a good home, and he was enabled to buy three eighty-acre tracts in the same township in 1891, having then sold his first place. He improved this land also and engaged more extensively in general farming and stock raising until 1904, becoming one of the substantial and influential men of his community the meanwhile. In the last year mentioned he moved to the town of Newburg, Hickory Grove township, built a pleasant cottage on Main street and retired from active life, having laid by a competency.

Politically, Mr. Craig is a Republican and he has taken a lively interest in the affairs of his community. He served his township very ably for two terms as chairman of township trustees, and once before for three years he served on the board of trustees. He has been township committeeman for several years, and has held other local offices, always with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

On April 16, 1871, Mr. Craig was united in marriage with Mary Getty, who was born in Ireland, the daughter of James and Anna Getty, natives of county Antrim, Ireland, where they spent their lives, having been born and reared in the town of Ballymena. They were also members of the Presbyterian church.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig, namely: John G. married Sarah Paul and lives on his farm in this township; James G. died in infancy; James William, who married Gertrude Hulbert, lives in this township; Agnes Margaret married Joseph Paul and they live in this township; Anna Gordon died in infancy.

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#### JERRY WALTER SPARKS.

The science of agriculture—for it is a science as well as an art—finds an able demonstrator as well as a successful practitioner in the person of Jerry Walter Sparks, of Mariposa township, one of Jasper county's substantial and honored citizens. It would seem from looking over his well kept fields that he has been most careful of every detail and has tried to do well whatever he undertook, knowing that careless and slovenly done work would never bring large or definite results, and he has never been contented to be in the mediocre class of agriculturists.

Mr. Sparks is a native of this community, his birth having occurred here on April 17, 1873, and he is the son of Henry and Ellen (Mathews) Sparks, the father born in Indiana and the mother born in Ohio. They spent their early lives and were educated in the East and married there, emigrating to Iowa in 1860 and devoted themselves to farming. Henry Sparks was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war for a period of three years and three months, during which he saw some hard service and conducted himself as a true American soldier.

Jerry W. Sparks, of this review, grew to maturity on the home farm, on which he worked when he became of proper age, and he received a good common school education, after which he turned his attention to farming in earnest and has followed that line of endeavor to the present time, locating on his present fine farm in 1911. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres, devoted to general farming. It is well improved and rich, productive soil, which yields abundant harvests under Mr. Sparks' able management. He has a comfortable and well furnished home and large substantial barns and outbuildings.

He keeps some good live stock of various grades and never fails to find a ready market for what he offers for sale owing to their superior quality.

Mr. Sparks was married on October 7, 1895, to Rebecca McClain, a lady of many commendable characteristics, who was born in Indiana, March 5, 1874. She is the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Haines) McClain, both natives of Indiana and both born in 1840. They were well known and highly respected people in their native community, each representing sterling old pioneer families.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sparks four children have been born, three daughters and one son, namely: Tracey Lewis, Aldie Ellen, Gladys Irene and Muriel.

Politically, Mr. Sparks is a Republican and in religious matters he belongs to the Christian church, of which he is a liberal supporter.

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#### HERMAN W. KOOISTRA.

Another of the thrifty Hollanders who have honored Jasper county by their citizenship and have benefited alike themselves and the community in general is Herman W. Kooistra, of Lynn Grove township, where, in a scientific manner, he is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and where he enjoys the friendship and good will of all his neighbors and acquaintances, for his record stands without blemish as a citizen in both public and private affairs, and he is in every way entitled to just consideration and representation in this biographical work.

Mr. Kooistra was born in Holland, January 16, 1885, and he is the son of Wytze and Bankje (Olivier) Kooistra, both born in Holland, the father in 1853 and the mother in 1855, and there they grew to maturity, were educated and married and began life on a small farm. The family emigrated to America in 1880, when the subject was four years of age. They located at Pella, Iowa, but soon afterwards came to Jasper county, and during their first four years the father and sons worked out as farm hands until they could get a start; then the father rented land in this county for a period of nine years, principally in Elk Creek township. In 1900 he bought one hundred and ninety-six acres in Lynn Grove township. Here he prospered and added to his original holdings until he owned one of the best farms in the township, consisting of two hundred and thirty-three acres and there he lived until his death in 1906. He was a quiet, hard-working, kindly gentleman who had the respect of all who knew him. His family consisted of the following children:

John, Mrs. Kate Elscott, Wytze, Herman W., of this sketch, and Dora. They all attended school in Elk Creek township and they helped their father on the farm and since his death Herman W. and Wytze have operated the homestead in an able and successful manner, carrying forward the work inaugurated by the elder Kooistra. The subject has remained unmarried, but Wytze was married in February, 1905, to Katie Brand, the daughter of Jacob Brand, a very early settler in Jasper county, whither he had come from Holland. To Wytze Kooistra and wife two children have been born, Lenora and Edna.

In connection with general farming the Kooistra brothers devote considerable attention to stock raising. They are both hustlers and very promising young farmers. The subject is independent in politics, always voting for the man and what he personally stands for, irrespective of party.

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#### WILLIAM JOHN ALTEMEIER.

The gentleman whose life history is herewith outlined is a man who has lived to good purpose and achieved a measure of success that is the legitimate reward for honest labor and faithful enterprise. By a straightforward and commendable course he has made his way to a respectable position in the business world, winning the hearty admiration of the people of his community and earning a reputation as an enterprising, progressive man of affairs which the public has not been slow to recognize and appreciate. He is one of our native sons who has been satisfied with local conditions and willing to spend his life on his native heath, having had the sagacity to foresee that here were as good if not better opportunities as existed in this or any other state, and, thus growing up amid the conditions in which he first found himself and being persistent, he has benefited himself and the community in general. His well-kept and well-tilled farm in Mariposa township shows that Mr. Altemeier has kept fully abreast of the times in every respect and that he believes in doing well whatever he attempts, whether trivial or of momentous importance, and it will be noticed that such men succeed at their life work, where others fail for lack of concentration.

Mr. Altemeier was born in Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa, on June 28, 1870. He is the son of Adolph, Sr., and Wilhelmina (Klopping) Altemeier, the father born on December 24, 1837, at the town of Horn in the province of Lepin, Germany, and the mother was born on April 8, 1841, at the town of Dephbold, in the province of Lepin, Germany. When a boy the father worked on the farm in his native land, and in 1855, when eighteen years of age, he emigrated to our shores, taking up his residence in the town

of Freeport, Illinois, where his brother Simon and sister Louise were already located, they having emigrated to New Jersey in 1852 and came to Freeport, Illinois, a year later. Simon Altemeier is still living in Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa. In 1857 Adolph Altemeier Sr., came to Newton, Iowa, and there worked for some time in the brick yard, then began renting a farm five miles north of Newton. He then moved to Spirit Lake, Iowa, and took up a claim, but at the time of the Indian uprising he was forced to leave it, so he returned to Jasper county and in 1860 bought forty acres of land in Malaka township. A few years later he sold out and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Mariposa township, this county. Here he met with a larger measure of success than falls to the average man, beginning life as he did, a pioneer under discouraging conditions. He added to his original purchase from time to time until he became the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable land, and he farmed on an extensive scale, becoming one of the substantial and influential men of his community. He took considerable interest in public affairs and served as township trustee and assessor, also served on the township school-board. He and his wife were members of the German Evangelical church. The elder Altemeier passed to his reward on October 10, 1886, after a successful and honored career. The mother of the subject came to the United States when she was nine years of age, in 1850, and located at Freeport, Illinois, and there lived five or six years among her neighbors from her birthplace in Germany. Her parents had died when she was a young girl. It was about 1856 that she came to Newton, Iowa, and worked in the home of Colonel Curzard for several years, then was married to the senior Altemeier. Since his death she has lived in Newton, for the most part.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Altemeier, Sr., named in order of birth as follows: Adolph, Jr.; Mary is deceased; Mrs. Lottie Rathelson is also deceased; William John, of this sketch; Mrs. Minnie Werman, Mrs. Anna Weiseman, Louis, Edward C. and Fred.

William J. Altemeier grew up on the home farm and when but a boy he began making a regular hand in the crop seasons, attending district school No. 4 in Mariposa township. When twenty-one years of age he began hiring out by the month, then rented part of the home place from his mother for four years. He was twenty-one years of age when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres just south of the old homestead. Five years later he added eighty acres more to this and here he has continued to reside, keeping the place well up-to-date in the matter of tillage and improvements, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a successful manner. In 1911 he built a splendid new barn and has such other convenient buildings as his needs require, in-

cluding a very pleasant residence. He has long made a specialty of raising Poland-China hogs.

Politically, Mr. Altemeier is a Democrat and while he has ever manifested an interest in the welfare of his community he has not sought public office.

On October 28, 1898, occurred the marriage of William J. Altemeier and Hilaria Morris. The latter was born in Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa, on October 31, 1870. She is the daughter of Stephen and Charlotte (Wilson) Morris. The father was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on July 3, 1838, and the mother was born in Arkansas on November 27, 1840. The paternal grandparents were Payton and Martha Morris, who spent their lives in Ohio. The maternal grandparents, Robert W. and Johanna Wilson, who left Arkansas in 1842, moved to Clark county, Indiana, where they lived until 1854 in which year they drove through with a team and wagon to Jasper county, Iowa, Mr. Wilson entering land just east of Rushville in Kellogg township, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Altemeier's mother was two years of age when her parents took her from Arkansas to Indiana and there she spent a part of her girlhood, accompanying the family to Iowa, growing to maturity in Kellogg township and attending the local schools. She became fairly well educated for those times and she taught the first school in district No. 4 in Mariposa township when the district was opened in 1863. She and Mr. Morris were married on February 11, 1866, he having come to Jasper county from Ohio in 1860. Mr. Morris enlisted in Company I, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served faithfully for a period of three and one-half years during the most stirring part of the Civil war. He contracted a disease of the eyes which made it necessary for him to spend some time in the hospital, and in fact, he was troubled from the effects of the same the balance of his life. Stephen Morris had bought a farm in Jasper county before he came to Iowa, and after the war he traded that for the home place of one hundred and sixty acres in Mariposa township, later adding forty acres more. He was a Republican in politics and all the family were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The death of the father of Mrs. Altemeier occurred on February 4, 1901, and since that event the mother has been living among her children.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morris, named in order of birth as follows: Mrs. Sarah Elvira Pennington lives in Colton, South Dakota; Anne Clair died in infancy; Mrs. Hilaria J. Altemeier, wife of the subject; Robert Melvin, farmer of Mariposa township, this county; Jesse Payton is living in Newton, Iowa; Herbert S. is deceased; Mrs. Edith J. Snodgrass is living in South Dakota; Clarence is deceased; Harvey Rice is living in Worth county, Iowa.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Altemeier, of this sketch, namely: Pearl, Odessa, Eva, Lucile and Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Altemeier are pleasant people to visit in their hospitable home, and they have many friends throughout the locality in which they live.

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#### JOHN F. MEYER.

There is no better man nor truer gentleman in all the great county of Jasper than John F. Meyer, the subject of this brief review. Quiet and unassuming, he has the respect of his fellow men wherever he is known and his acquaintance is as broad as the county. Then, too, he is a product of the county, having been born in Palo Alto township, November 17, 1861, being the son of John Meyer, Sr., and Louisa (Klopping) Meyer, both of whom were natives of Germany.

Mr. Meyer's father was a Prussian and came here when but fourteen years of age, coming in an old sailing vessel and being eight weeks on the way. His mother was sixteen when she came over, being eleven weeks on the way. Upon landing in New York, the father stayed there two years, working at whatever he could find to do and having a very up-hill time of it, as he could not speak a word of English when he landed. In 1857 he came to Newton, Iowa, then but a small settlement of log huts, and worked at odd jobs until the summer of 1861, when he enlisted in the Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving all through the war. He was under both Grant and Sherman and participated in nearly all the principal battles of the war, serving with signal bravery. Among the many engagements in which he took part were Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, assault on and siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Mississippi, Winchester, where Sheridan made his famous ride, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and Shiloh. Twice he was wounded, once in the thigh, at the battle of Shiloh, and once in the back, escaping death from the last wound only because the ball struck a knapsack which contained writing paper. Upon one occasion he narrowly escaped capture, three of his companions being captured. He was honorably discharged at Savannah, Georgia, July 25, 1865, as fifth sergeant of his company. After the close of the war he returned to Newton and settled upon eighty acres of land which he continued to farm until 1890, when he retired and moved to Newton, at which place he died February 28, 1906, at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Meyer's mother is still living in Newton.



JOHN F. MEYER



On February 24, 1890, the subject of this sketch was married to Mary E. DeHaven, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Russell) DeHaven, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Meyer is one of twelve children, ten of whom are living as follows: Lewis F., the subject of this review; Frederick, a mail carrier residing in Carroll county, Iowa; Lena Scheel, wife of Fred Scheel, Stuttgart, Arkansas, a farmer of that vicinity; Anna Lorimer, wife of John Lorimer, a merchant, resides in Newton; George, superintendent of Jasper county water works plant; Henry, a farmer near Newton; Ella Carson, wife of Hans Carson, a farmer in Carroll county, Iowa; Louie, a drayman in Newton; Valeria Couch, wife of Bert Couch, lives in Camera, Iowa; Elizabeth Frith, wife of John Frith, who works for the Newton Lumber Company.

To Mr. and Mrs. Meyer has been born one child, a daughter, born June 2, 1888, who is the wife of William Howard, a hotel man at Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Meyer began working for himself when twenty-one years old at farming and stock raising and has continued at this business ever since, making a specialty of thoroughbred Poland China hogs and good horses. He is at this writing serving as trustee of Palo Alto township and has been director of the district schools. He is a Republican and has at all times taken an active interest in polities. He is also a member of Central Lodge No. 73, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having taken the subordinate and encampment degrees. Mrs. Meyer is a member of the Rebekahs at Newton and is a most excellent woman.

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#### JAMES M. HUMMEL.

Among the representative farmers of Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, is James M. Hummel, who is the owner of a valuable landed estate, where he is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and energy which are sure to find their natural sequence in definite success. To such men as Mr. Hummel we turn with particular satisfaction as offering in their life histories justification for works of this character owing to the life of industry, honesty and public spirit, and the effort he has made to uphold the honored name of one of the old and best known families of the locality of which this history treats.

Mr. Hummel was born at Monroe, Fairview township, this county, on February 14, 1856, and he is the son of Louis and Lucinda (Murphy) Hummel, the father born in Wittenburg, Germany, in 1833, and the mother was a

native of Tennessee. The father grew up in the fatherland, emigrating to America when seventeen years of age and located in Ohio and there worked at the blacksmith's trade which he had learned in his native land. He came to Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1852 among the early pioneers, and, being a man of excellent judgment and foresight, had faith in the future possibilities here, so decided to cast his lot in this region, which was then a wild, wide-sweeping prairie. He began working for a Mr. Kipps and there he met his future wife, she being in the employ of Mr. Kipps also, he as a blacksmith and she as a house girl. They were finally married and began housekeeping in Monroe, where Mr. Hummel worked at his trade. After the Civil war he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fairview township, for which he paid one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and here he began farming and stock raising, at which he became most successful, and he also speculated a great deal in farms, and at some time or other owned about half the land in Fairview township. He was one of the leading agriculturists in this locality, and at the time of his death in 1896 he owned about one thousand acres of valuable and well improved land, fine for general use. In 1890 he moved to Monroe and retired from active life and there he lived until his death. For years he had been known as one of the leading cattle feeders in this part of the county and no small part of his income was gained in this manner. He was a man of high moral attributes and a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was highly honored by all who knew him. His family consisted of six sons and three daughters, namely: John W., James M., Henry R., George F., Hugh Montgomery, Mrs. Carrie Arline Bulk, Charles, Mrs. Nancy McClintick, Mrs. Fannie Birchnell.

James M. Hummel, of this review, attended school in his home district, though his educational advantages were limited. He began working in the fields when eleven years of age, and when he reached his majority he started in life for himself and rented land for some time in order to get a start. Saving his earnings, he subsequently bought eighty acres in Mound Prairie township, later buying another eighty, then one hundred and sixty acres, then another eighty, making an aggregate of four hundred acres of valuable land. His efforts were attended by a large measure of success and he became one of the leading agriculturists of his township. He erected the substantial and convenient buildings which are still to be seen here, all in good condition. He always kept his land well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. He has long been an extensive cattle feeder, also a feeder of Poland China and Chester white hogs. His efforts along this line as well as general farming have been attended by a large degree of success.

Politically, Mr. Hummel is a Democrat and in fraternal matters a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On March 20, 1880, Mr. Hummel was united in marriage with Eliza A. Newell, who was born in Wapello county, Iowa, the daughter of William Newell, who settled in Jasper county in an early day and here became well established and highly respected.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hummel, namely: Mrs. Carrie Bower, of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Zola Baker and Mrs. Zetta Livingston, twins; Virgil is at home.

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#### AUGUST GALEN MILLER.

We are glad to note in this series of biographical articles that so many of the progressive citizens of Jasper county have been born and reared here, for this is an indication of at least two things, namely, that they are men of keen discernment, being able to see and appreciate present conditions as they are, and that the county is indeed one of the favored sections of the great Hawkeye state, else these people would have sought opportunities elsewhere. As it is they did not need to heed the call of the wanderlust that is heard at some stage or other in the lives of all young men. It very frequently leads them to forsake the "land of milk and honey" and go in search of a never-to-be-attained oasis of a mirage, ultimately finding instead the barren, sand-swept waste of a Sahara, often, too, after it is too late to return and establish themselves in their own native heath. The subject of this sketch is one of a large number of Jasper county boys who have had the good judgment to remain right at home and devote their energies to the things with which they are most familiar, hence they have had a better chance of ultimately attaining the ever-sought-for guerdon—success.

August Galen Miller, farmer of Mariposa township, Jasper county, was born here on December 25, 1871. He is the son of August, Sr., and Emma (Buchann) Miller, the former born in Prussia in 1825 and the latter in Germany in 1844. The father grew up in his native land, received his education there and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed with success. In 1858 he and his parents emigrated to St. Louis, Missouri, in which city he remained, engaged at his trade, for several years, during which time he did a great deal of work in railroad construction. After the Civil war he went to Scott county, Iowa, and engaged in farming on rented land. In 1869 the father of the subject came to Mariposa township, Jasper county,

and bought eighty acres in section 24, and in 1870 he moved on his farm here, building the house that is still standing here. The farm was all raw prairie and a great deal of hard work was required to reclaim it from the wild and place it under profitable cultivation, but he was a man inured to hard work and in overcoming all manner of obstacles, so he set to work with a will and eventually had a good farm and a comfortable home.

August Miller, Sr., was a Republican in politics and he was baptized and reared in the Lutheran church, to which faith he ever adhered tenaciously. His family consisted of three sons and four daughters, named in order of birth as follows: Mrs. Amelia Miller, Mrs. Lillie Catron, Mrs. Minnie Infield, Daisy (died when thirteen years of age), Will (living at Deadwood, South Dakota), John (living at Hamilton, Missouri), Louis (deceased), August Galen, of this review, who is the fifth child of this family.

The subject grew up on the farm and when but a boy he was put to work in the fields, finding time, however, to attend school in the Barrett district. When twenty-one years of age he started to work out by the month, following this course for three years until he got a start, then, in 1894, he purchased forty acres in section 23, Mariposa township, and in 1897 he purchased the home place of eighty acres. He has met with encouraging success all the while as a general farmer and stock raiser, and he has become widely known as a raiser of registered shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. Owing to the recognized superiority of his fine stock they are greatly admired by all who see them and they find a very ready market at fancy prices when offered for sale. It would be hard to find a better judge of live stock than Mr. Miller, and he understands all the modern ways of properly caring for his herds so as to get the best results through the minimum amount of labor and cost. He has a comfortable, substantial home and convenient outbuildings and his place is kept well improved.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Miller has ably served his community as township trustee and road supervisor.

On November 10, 1903, occurred the marriage of August G. Miller and Laura Belle Speas. The latter was born in Marshall county, Iowa, September 20, 1877, and there she was reared and educated in the common schools. She is the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Hilsebeck) Speas, early settlers of Marshall county and well known citizens there, in fact, the Speas and Hilsebeck families have been prominent in Marshall county for several generations. Elias Hilsebeck, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller, settled in that county as early as 1848.

The death of August Miller, Sr., father of the subject, occurred on April 16, 1880, after a successful and busy life. His widow, a woman of strong characteristics, is still living, making her home in Kellogg township, this county. She is now advanced in years, having survived her husband nearly thirty-two years.

Six children have been born to August G. Miller and wife, named in order of birth as follows: Floyd, born August 10, 1904, survived only ten days, dying on August 20th of the same year; Morris was born on August 20, 1905; Marian, born February 3, 1906, died August 20th of the same year; Florence, born April 23, 1907, died March 24, 1908; August Virgil, born May 13, 1908; Oliver Vernon, born June 13, 1910.

Mr. Miller is known to be a careful business man, broad-minded, genial and a man who appreciates a good joke. He is a man of positive ideas and advocates cleanliness in both public and social life.

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#### CHRISTOPH HASSELBRINK.

One of the German-born citizens, a native of Barkow-by-Godems, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who has won success as a farmer and stock raiser solely through individual enterprise and courage is Christoph Hasselbrink, a man whom any community would delight to have in its midst, for he is not only progressive in material things, but has proven himself to be law-abiding and honorable in his relations with his fellowmen.

Mr. Hasselbrink was born in Germany on July 26, 1861. He is the son of Henry Christian Hasselbrink and Henrietta (Jabb) Hasselbrink, both born and reared in the fatherland, the father dying there October 26, 1892, and the mother died in 1909, in Jasper county, Iowa. The father worked principally as a day laborer. Their family consisted of five sons and one daughter, Christoph, of this sketch, being the fourth in order of birth.

The subject grew up in his native land and there received such education as the community in which he lived afforded and he worked on the farm in crop seasons. He emigrated alone to the United States in 1883, locating at Des Moines, Iowa, but soon afterwards went to work on a farm near that city, remaining there for a period of fourteen years, during which time he saved his money and got a start in the world. He then went to Texas and became a railroad laborer for different roads, working at construction work and on section for three years. In 1888 he came to Kellogg, Jasper county,

Iowa, to make his future home. Here he was employed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad for seven years at construction work and on the section, becoming an expert in this work. Then, in 1895, turning his attention to farming, he rented a farm for two years, then moved to Marshall county and lived on rented farms until 1908, then began renting the C. W. Craven farm in Mariposa township, Jasper county. In the spring of 1911 he purchased one hundred and forty acres on the north boundary of Mariposa township, known as the old Christ Freese farm, and he moved to his permanent home March 1, 1912.

Politically, Mr. Hasselbrink is a Democrat and he was reared a Lutheran.

Mr. Hasselbrink was married on January 30, 1880, to Amelia Schultz, who was born in Germany on October 26, 1861, the daughter of John and Kathrina (Detloff) Schultz, who came from Germany to Kellogg, Iowa, in the year 1880. To the subject and wife have been born eight children, named as follows: Carl, William, Albert, Amelia, Elsie, Hugo, Lela and Louis. By a former marriage Mrs. Hasselbrink became the mother of two children who are living at home, John and Andrew Lunt.

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#### WILLIAM BOND.

One of the best known and most highly respected men of a past generation in Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, was William M. Bond, who, after a life of usefulness and honor, having "fought the good fight" of St. Paul, the apostle, has closed his eyes on earthly scenes and become a part of that larger existence "beyond the utmost bounds of time," but his influence still lives. He took no small part in the work in transforming this locality from a wild prairie and the log cabin days to the present magnificent prosperity.

Mr. Bond was born in Schenectady county, New York, November 12, 1817. He is the son of Richard and Eva (Smith) Bond, natives of the state of New York, to which state the grandfather of the subject came from England before the Revolutionary war and there he married a German woman. In a very early day Richard Bond came to Wisconsin and there spent the rest of his life.

William Bond came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1840 and located in Jefferson county, and there the subject became the owner of eighty acres which he farmed many years. In 1866 he emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, driving a team of oxen to an old fashioned wagon in which he brought his

family. He bought sixty acres, later buying forty more, all in Mound Prairie township. This he improved and became very well established through hard work and good management. In the early days he kept a large herd of feeding cattle on the open prairie. He erected all the buildings on his place and set out every tree on the same. He was an influential man in the community and took an active part in public affairs, being an ardent Republican. In religious matters he was a Spiritualist.

Mr. Bond was married on July 13, 1847, to Melissa Boynton, who was born March 30, 1826, in Canada. She is the daughter of James Boynton, an early settler in Wisconsin. This was the subject's second marriage, his first wife having died early. Mrs. Melissa Bond is still living on the homestead here, being now eighty-six years of age, but is well preserved for her age. Like her husband before her, she enjoys the friendship of a wide circle of acquaintances. The death of William Bond occurred on May 8, 1895.

Mr. Bond and his first wife were the parents of two children, Richard, now deceased, and Mrs. Sarah J. Kees. By his second wife three children were born, namely: Samuel W. lives in Santa Cruz, California; Harriet and Mrs. Ella May Decker.

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#### HERMAN H. JENSEN.

Another of the representative young farmers of Sherman township, Jasper county, is Herman H. Jensen, living on an excellent farmstead which he manages in a manner that stamps him as fully abreast of the times in matters pertaining to husbandry, and he is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and diligence that insure success.

Mr. Jensen was born in the locality where he still lives on September 22, 1875. He is the son of Henry and Carolina (Schmidt) Jensen, the father born in Germany in October, 1849, and the mother's birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, in 1856. Henry Jensen grew up and was educated in Germany and when nineteen years of age he emigrated to the United States and located in Davenport, Iowa, landing there without a dollar, and for several years he worked near there by the month and there he was married. In March, 1875, he moved to Sherman township, Jasper county, and bought one hundred and eighty acres. He went to work with a will, managed well and consequently prospered and now he owns four hundred and twenty acres, still residing on the home place. His wife died some time ago. Politically, he is a Republican. He has served his district as school director. Since 1896 he has

been a member of the Lutheran church. His family consists of the following children: William is living in Sherman township; Herman H., of this review; Mrs. Meta Iske, Louie, Hulda is deceased.

Herman H. Jensen grew up on the home farm and helped develop the same, attending the district schools in Sherman township, and he remained at home until he reached maturity, then began renting land of his father, of whom he yet rents one hundred and sixty acres. This he has kept well improved. Politically, he is a Republican and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He has been school director and township clerk.

Mr. Jensen was married on December 18, 1901, to Lena L. Reckler, who was born in Newton township, this county, the daughter of Frederick H. Reckler, an early settler from Germany. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Meta Marie; Ora Bell; the third in order of birth died in infancy; Henry F. is the youngest.

Besides farming, Mr. Jensen is interested in the Jasper County Telephone Company.

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#### MARGARET I. GATES.

The lady whose name introduces this sketch is the widow of Sumner E. Gates, and lives upon her farm, which is located on sections 23, 25 and 26, in Newton township. It is a fine old home, about one-half mile east of the city limits of Newton, comprising four hundred and fifty acres of land.

Margaret I. Gates is a native of Jasper county, Iowa, having been born November 13, 1856, in Newton township, the daughter of Cobane and Sarah J. (Read) McConkey. Her father was born in Hopedale, Harrison county, Ohio, and the mother in Guernsey county, Ohio. The family came west and settled in Scott county, Iowa, in 1853, where Mr. McConkey engaged in farming for a couple of years. At the expiration of that time he came to Jasper county, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Newton township. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1896, at the age of seventy-four years, he was retired and living in Newton. Mrs. McConkey, who is now seventy-five years of age, lives with her daughter, the subject of this sketch. The fathers of both Mrs. Gates' parents, Samuel M. McConkey and John Read, served in the war of 1812. She is one of eight children, of whom she is the eldest, the others being as follows: Jane, wife of Frank Graham, died in Jasper county; Alice, wife of John Munn, a farmer, living in Newton township; Edward died at the age of seventeen; Mary died at the age of



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nineteen; Lillie, who became the wife of Bert Beatty, lives on a farm in Newton township; Charles is a carpenter in Newton; William died at the age of twenty-nine.

On December 22, 1875, was solemnized the marriage of Margaret McConkey and Sumner E. Gates, the son of E. N. and Sarah (Cunningham) Gates, natives of Vermont. E. N. Gates was provost marshal at Newton during the Civil war, and was a lawyer of renown. He began his practice at Ashland, Ohio, but later removed to Genesee, Illinois, where he continued the practice of law until 1854, at which time he came to Newton. He was one of Newton's most prominent lawyers until his death, which occurred December 12, 1882, at the age of sixty-six. At that time he was the owner of the place where Mrs. Gates now lives, and after his death Sumner Gates purchased the interest of the other heirs, and when his death occurred it passed into the hands of his widow, the subject of this sketch.

There were six children born to Judge Gates and his wife, three of whom grew to maturity: Sumner E.; Alvin C., a prominent manufacturer of Newton; and Loren, formerly in the shoe business in Newton, but now in Kansas City, Missouri.

Sumner E. Gates was born May 20, 1848, in Ashland county, Ohio, and died in Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, on August 4, 1900. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1854. At the time of his marriage he owned three hundred and twenty acres of land in Kellogg township, and at the time of his death he had increased his holdings of real estate until he owned eighteen hundred acres of land in Kellogg township, which was sold in 1900. He was a man of great force of character, of good judgment and possessed of a fine public spirit. He was broad minded and had a host of friends. He was engaged extensively in stock raising, and was one of the progressive farmers and up-to-date citizens of his community. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church at Newton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gates were born five children, namely: Simon, born March 3, 1877, married Georgia Randolph, lives in Newton, engaged in the ice business; Edith, born February 17, 1879, is the wife of Thomas Buchanan, and lives on a farm in Newton township; Golda died at the age of two years; Estes, born June 6, 1880, married Bessie McQuislon and lives at home with his mother; Glen, born December 31, 1880, lives at home; she is a graduate of the Newton high school and is also an accomplished musician. Both of the sons are prominent members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having attained the highest honors of the order.

## CHRISTIAN WILLIAM BUHROW.

Jasper county has few settlers from our sister country of the fir and hemlock, the land of the "Lady of the Snows," but those who have taken up their abode among us have shown themselves to be men of indomitable courage and thrift and this is truly a characteristic of Christian William Buhrow, farmer of Mariposa township.

Mr. Buhrow was born in Bruce county, Ontario, Canada, on March 14, 1863. He is the son of Carl William and Charlotta (Kroll) Buhrow, both born in Prussia, Germany, the father on March 10, 1823, and the mother on October 3, 1826. There they grew up and were married, the father having been a shepherd for German lords of lands from the age of fourteen until 1854, when tiring of the oppression and lack of opportunity in the fatherland, he emigrated to Ontario, Canada. The voyage was made on a slow sailing vessel, the trip requiring eighteen weeks. Upon reaching Ontario Mr. Buhrow bought a small farm and lived there for a period of twelve years. Selling out in 1866, he came to Grinnell, Iowa, and there worked on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad for three years, assisting in constructing the same from Grinnell to Omaha, Nebraska. In 1869 he bought one hundred and thirty-seven acres in Mariposa township, Jasper county, and, having prospered here, he later added the next fractional quarter section of one hundred and thirty-seven acres and he lived on the home place, where his son, Christian W., of this sketch, now resides, until 1889, when, having accumulated a competency, he moved to Laurel, Iowa, and lived there, practically retired from active life, until his death on May 23, 1905. His wife died on April 3, 1900. These parents joined the Evangelical church upon coming to America and remained true to that faith until the end. The father of the subject spent seven years in the Germany army, having proved to be a very faithful soldier.

The family of Carl W. Buhrow and wife consisted of two sons and seven daughters, named as follows: Mrs. Mary Haak; Mrs. Augusta Reimansnider, who lives in California; Carl, the oldest, died aboard ship and was buried at sea; Mrs. Emma Sash is deceased; Mrs. Bertha Bulfer is also deceased; Mrs. Leah Bulfer, Mrs. Minnie Maytag, Christian W., of this review; Minnie died in infancy; Mrs. Lydia Weisanburger.

Christian W. Buhrow, of this sketch, attended the No. 1 district school in Mariposa township, this county, and he lived at home until he was twenty-seven years of age, then the father moved to Laurel and the subject rented

the home place, and soon had a good start. In 1903 he purchased one hundred and thirty-seven acres of the original home farm and here he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of Poland China hogs.

Politically, Mr. Buhrow is a Republican and, with his wife and children, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Läurel.

Mr. Buhrow was married on November 28, 1889, to Lyda Schneider, who was born and reared in Humboldt county, Iowa, her birth occurring on April 20, 1866. She grew up near the home of Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, and knows him well. She was educated in the common schools there. She is the daughter of Christian and Teresa Schneider, who were natives of Germany, where they grew up and were married, and they emigrated from that country to the United States in 1863. The following children have been born to the subject and wife: Earl, born September 13, 1890; Edward, born January 26, 1892, and Winona, born December 4, 1893.

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#### WILLIAM PAUL.

Very often it is greatly to the advantage of the farmer's boy that, instead of rushing off to some town to become a poor grocery clerk or employe of a dirty machine shop, he remains in the country where he was brought up and where he knows what is necessary to make an honest living. He knows when and how to seed and harvest his crops, and knows what is necessary to insure success in the rearing and sale of live stock. If he leaves for the town he must learn another business and enter into competition with men who have grown up to the business which he must acquire. He is thus, as a rule, at a great disadvantage. This is said for the benefit of boys who have a start in farm business, who, in nine cases out of ten, had better remain right where they are if they want insured to them a happy, healthy, respectable old age. One of the progressive farmers of Hickory Grove township, Jasper county, who was contented to remain in his native community and devote himself to the line of endeavor with which he was most familiar is William Paul, and one would judge from his excellent farm and pleasant home that he has been wise in following this course.

Mr. Paul was born in Scott county, Iowa, June 19, 1868, and he is the son of Andrew and Jennie (Spence) Paul, both natives of county Antrim, Ireland, where they grew up, were educated and married and there began life

on a farm. Believing that greater opportunities existed in the republic across the "big sea water" to the west, they emigrated to our shores in the spring of 1865 and located in Scott county, where the elder Paul worked seven years as a section hand on the Rock Island railroad. He saved his money and was thereby enabled to get a start. In 1873 he came to Hickory Grove township, Jasper county, and bought eighty acres. He set to work with a will, managed well and closely devoted himself to his farm, and as he prospered he added to his original holdings until he owned five hundred and sixty acres of valuable and desirable land which he placed under high grade improvements and a high state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and laid by a competency, becoming one of the influential and substantial men of his township. When he first came to the farm there was only a rude shack on it, in fact, all the improvements were poor, but in due course of time he erected substantial and convenient buildings and added such other improvements as his needs required. Had he not been cut down in the prime of life he would no doubt have become one of the wealthy men of the county. He died March 22, 1887, at the age of forty-eight years. He and his family belonged to the Presbyterian church.

William Paul, of this review, was the fifth child in a family of seven children, the others being, James S., Mrs. Matilda McCosh, E. A., Mrs. Margaret Madill, Andrew L. and Joseph. The last named is living with his mother on the home place.

William Paul attended the public schools in Hickory Grove township, this county, where he grew up on the home farm which he was compelled to work the major part of his time when he became of proper age, consequently his schooling was not extensive. However, he later became well informed by general reading and actual contact with the world. As a boy he spent most of his time herding cattle on the open prairie near his home, which necessitated his being out in all kinds of weather. At that time not a fence could be seen from his home, except that around the house; and there were no regularly laid out roads; they wound around the hills and along the valleys. There was considerable wild game here in those days.

After his marriage the subject moved into a house across the road and a little farther west, and he is successfully managing the home place for his mother, who is now advanced in years. Politically, he is a Democrat and has served his township as trustee for two terms in a most acceptable manner. He handles a high grade of Percheron horses, which find a ready market. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and

the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

On December 16, 1892, Mr. Paul was united in marriage with Dora Green, who was born in Hickory Grove township, this county, the daughter of William A. and Emily Catherine (Taylor) Green, who were early settlers of Jasper county, the father having come here with Joseph Green, grandfather of Mrs. Paul, in 1867, and purchased section 11 of Hickory Grove township and there they settled and became well fixed and were highly respected.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul: Mabel E., Edith Emily, Joseph William, Margaret Lucile, Lewis Wilbur and Andrew.

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#### FRANK K. DEBRUYN.

Both paternally and maternally, Frank K. DeBruyn, one of the up-to-date farmers of Richland township, Jasper county, is descended from Hollander ancestry, who, like many people from the old world, were lured to this country by the prospect of obtaining lands, which was practically an impossible thing to do in their native country by reason of the high price of real estate and its entailment to the wealthy. They became very comfortably established in our free republic and it seems that their aim has always been to do the right and it is to such as they that our country is indebted for the stability of its institutions and for the large measure of prosperity which it enjoys. The immediate subject of this review seems to have inherited many of the sterling characteristics of his worthy forebears.

Mr. DeBruyn was born in Marion county, Iowa, October 12, 1867, the son of Kryn and Mattie (VanVark) DeBruyn, both born in Holland, the latter having been brought to America when but a few days old, her father leaving his native land in order to escape military service in the regular army, so the mother of the subject grew to womanhood and was educated in America, and here also the father of Frank K. DeBruyn spent most of his life and received practically all his education, having been fifteen years of age when he landed on our shores in 1853, making the voyage with a half-sister and her husband, the grandparents at the time being deceased.

Kryn DeBruyn settled near Pella, Iowa, and there worked out in order to get a start. When the Civil war came on he showed that he was in sympathy with the Federal government by enlisting in Company G. Thirty-

third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served gallantly for three years. He was taken prisoner and held for ten months in Andersonville. After the war he returned to Iowa and married and for some time he worked in the brickyards at Howell, then called Amsterdam, then he rented land in the vicinity of Pella for a few years. In 1887 he moved to Jasper county where he lived until his death in 1905, having established a good home and made a good living for his family, which consisted of the following children: Maggie, Mary, Minnie, Anna, Emma, Jennie, Berdie, Mayme, Will, Arrie, Neil, Johnnie (deceased).

Frank K. DeBruyn, of this review, was the oldest of the family. He attended the public schools in Marion county and remained on the home place until he was twenty-one years of age. He being the eldest child, considerable work and responsibility devolved upon him, but the training was of much subsequent value. He then worked out by the month, and after his marriage he rented land. In 1899, having gotten a good start through close application and economy, he purchased two hundred and twenty acres of good land in Richland township which he developed into an excellent farm where he has carried on general farming and stock raising. He feeds several loads of cattle each season and has had uniform good luck in this line. He has recently built a large, modern and attractive dwelling, fitted with up-to-date equipment and conveniences. Politically, he is a Republican.

Mr. DeBruyn was married on November 20, 1890, to Nellie DePenning, who was born in Marion county, Iowa, the daughter of Jacob DePenning, an early settler in Marion county, and to this union the following children have been born: Mattie, Jemmie, Carl and Goldie. The subject is a man of fine physique, jovial, hospitable and pleasant; he enjoys hard work, for which he has an unusual capacity.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY GEARHART.

In this country of ours it is necessary that some people should follow the occupation of farming, some store-keeping, some milling, some medicine, etc. All are necessary to each other and form parts and parcels of the great body of society. There was a time when each family was also wholly self-sustaining, when the mother made the garments and the father produced the food, but this older order of affairs has been done away with by advanced methods more in accord with our progress and institutions. The farmer cannot get along without the small store-keeper at the cross-roads under the new order

of things. The country merchant likewise cannot get along without the farmer to buy his goods. The dependence is mutual and each is required to fill his position. One of the families of Jasper county who has lived to pass through the various gradations of things can witness the fact that "the old order changeth" is Gearharts, for when they came here over a half century ago they settled on the wild prairies where there were no store-keepers within a considerable radius and at a time when they were compelled to be self-sustaining for the most part and to undergo, like all pioneers, many hardships and inconveniences. But they were made of such mettle that there was no backsliding out or even much complaining and they, in due course of time, became well situated.

From such a period has come down to us of the present generation William Henry Gearhart, of Sherman township, who was born in Danville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1849. He was the son of Jacob and Julia (Reeder) Gearhart, the father born in France in 1821 and when four years of age he came to America and settled in Pennsylvania. The mother was born in that state in 1818, and there they both grew to maturity and were married. Jacob Gearhart worked in the Pennsylvania rolling mills and steel plants for a period of thirteen years, and in 1855 he brought his family to Michigan and in 1857 drove with two teams and a wagon from that state to Jasper county, Iowa. He traded one team of horses and the wagon to a Mr. Watts for eighty acres in Sherman township. Here he went to work with a will and cleaned up and developed the land, establishing a good home, and, prospering through his efforts and good management, he added to his original purchase from time to time until he became the owner of four hundred acres of valuable and desirable land. He was known as one of the most extensive and leading farmers of his day. In his old age he moved to Colfax where he lived in retirement until his death. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and he saw some hard service, being wounded in the side in one battle. He spent three years in the army. He was a member of the Christian church, a man of intelligence and upright principles. His family consisted of the following children: Mrs. Sarah E. Harter; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Fullington is deceased; Mrs. Ella Annetta Swihart is also deceased; William Henry, of this sketch; Herley G. and Charles L. are living in Sherman township, this county; Napoleon Bonaparte is a practicing physician in South Dakota.

William H. Gearhart, of this review, was eight years old when his parents brought him to Jasper county and here he grew to manhood and received his education in the district schools, working on the home place during the

crop seasons. When eighteen years of age, having received what text-book training he could in the poorly equipped school in his neighborhood in Sherman township, he started in life for himself by working out by the month. After his marriage he rented land of his father for two years, then bought eighty acres, which he later sold and bought another eighty in Sherman township where he still resides and where he has a very good home and a productive farm.

Mr. Gearhart was married on August 3, 1870, to Sarah Ellen Harter, who was born in Madison, Wisconsin, the daughter of William Harter, an early settler in Jasper county, whither he cast his lot in 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart three sons have been born, Frank, Fred and Charlie.

Mr. Gearhart believes in leading his own life and abstaining from interfering in the affairs of others. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World.

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#### ALFRED LISTER.

One of the most enterprising and public spirited men in Jasper county is Alfred Lister, who was born in Yorkshire, England, July 11, 1861, coming to this country in 1865. Affable and kindly of manner, it is a pleasure to talk with him, for his life is rich in that romance of genuine "heart" interest which appeals at once to us all. Mr. Lister recalls that the vessel he came over in was held for a considerable time in New York harbor and his landing upon the new shore was delayed on account of the assassination of President Lincoln. When he and his family did land, the father and mother secured employment in the woolen mills of Philadelphia. Here his parents, hardy English people, worked for four years, coming to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1871.

Prior to moving to Jasper county the father had visited the region and purchased the farm upon which Mr. Lister now lives. Here the family lived until September, 1896, when the father and mother died within a few days of each other, a double funeral being held.

The father's name was William Lister and the mother's name was Hannah (Brown) Lister. They were both natives of England and of that hardy stock which has furnished so much bone and sinew for this continent. Mr. Lister, the subject of this sketch, is one of seven living brothers, as follows: James Lister, residing in Providence, Rhode Island; Joseph Lister,



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residing in Sinterdale, Rhode Island; John Lister, residing in Cloud county, Kansas; Samuel, Arthur and Thomas L., residing in Jasper county. All are well-to-do, prosperous people. Since the death of his father in 1896, Mr. Lister has purchased the interests of his several brothers and now owns individually the old homestead. It lies but a short distance south of the city of Newton and consists of one hundred and sixty acres. It is one of the good farms of the county. Besides owning this farm, Mr. Lister owns a three-sevenths interest in the opera house block in the city of Newton and is generally prominent in business and financial circles. Besides farming, he pays considerable attention to stock raising and operates a coal bank upon his farm.

Mr. Lister has never married, but lives alone in the great house on his domain. But his dwelling thus has in no manner soured him, for he is a genial, broad minded gentleman, respected and liked by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. While he is not a member of any church, he prefers the Congregational. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Lister recalls that when he came to Jasper county, land was very cheap and much stock roved free over the plains. He says that since coming to the county, many changes have taken place, especially in the country itself, in its lands, buildings and roadways.

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#### GEORGE W. MILLER.

We rarely find two persons in every-day life who attribute their success in their different spheres to similar qualities. Hard work and plodding industry paved the way for one, good judgment and a keen sense of values for another, intuition and a well balanced mind for a third. An admixture of some of the qualities above named, emphasized by hard work and plodding industry, has been responsible for the success of George W. Miller, one of the best known and highly honored citizens of Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, where he owns a valuable and attractive farmstead, having been known for many decades as one of the substantial and leading farmers and stock men of the county.

Mr. Miller was born in New York state, December 19, 1835. He is the son of John Miller, Sr., and Maria (DeGaw) Miller, natives of the state of New York, the father of Albany county. They grew up and were married in their native state, and they began farming for a livelihood, finally own-

ing a good farm in Fulton county, New York. In 1845 they moved to Kendall county, Illinois, coming by boat over the Great Lakes, and they bought two hundred acres in that county, making their home in that county until the father's death in 1852. John Miller, Sr., was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a man of sterling qualities, a typical frontiersman, hardy, brave and yet gentle in disposition. In the year 1853 the mother of the subject brought her children, George W., John and Sarah, to Jasper county, Iowa, settling in Sherman township. Here the two sons bought two hundred and twelve acres in partnership, and they lived there until 1865 when George W., of this sketch, sold out and bought eighty acres in Mound Prairie township. Here he prospered from the first through his close application and good management, and he added to his original purchase until he now owns six hundred acres, all in Mound Prairie township. When he first came to this place he found a wild country, there being only two houses within a radius of four miles, the raw prairie stretching beyond the sight in all directions. He set out trees, built bridges, erected buildings and fences and in due course of time had a model farm. He has succeeded beyond the average person as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has a commodious and pleasant home and everything about his place denotes thrift and good management. He is still active and hale for one of his age, the result of wholesome living and right thinking.

Politically, Mr. Miller is a Republican, but he has never sought to be a public man. He was married on January 20, 1857, to Emily Helfrey, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Israel Helfrey, who settled in Jasper county, Iowa, in 1854.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller nine children have been born, named as follows: Stephen, deceased; Melville T. lives in Metz, Iowa; Mrs. Clara Brock; Clarence; Mary is deceased; Mrs. Sadie Hardinbrook; Ora May is deceased; Mrs. Berta Baker is deceased; Mrs. Georgia Emmack, of Mound Prairie township.

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#### JERVIS C. JOHNSON.

It is the pride of the citizens of this country that there is no limit to which natural ability, industry and honesty may not aspire. A boy born in ignorance and poverty and reared under the most adverse surroundings may nevertheless break from his fetters and rise to the highest station in the land. And the qualities do not have to be of transcendent character to enable him to

accomplish this result. It is more the way he does it and his skill in grasping opportunities which are presented to him than to any remarkable qualities which he may possess. One of the enterprising and successful young agriculturists of this section of Iowa is Jervis C. Johnson, of Linn Grove township. He seems to belong to that Argus-eyed, sound-minded class of men who are able to grasp a situation quickly and make the most of it, for while yet young in years, he has, with little outside assistance, become one of the most extensive farmers of Jasper county and one of her most progressive citizens.

Mr. Johnson was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, on February 6, 1879. He is the son of Henry and Melissa (Charles) Johnson, both natives of Indiana, the father born in 1848 and the mother in 1849. Henry Johnson was four years old when his parents brought him to Iowa, making the overland trip with a wagon and team. They settled in Linn Grove township, Jasper county, when this section was new and practically unsettled, and here they began life as pioneers, but in time were very comfortably situated. The grandfather of the subject took up a half section of land from the government. He also entered a great deal of land for other people and was an important factor in helping settle up the country. He took up as much as six thousand acres of land and was one of the best known men in the county in the early days. The father of the subject bought eighty acres in Washington township, Poweshiek county, when a young man, and he now owns about a section of land there. He retired from active life in 1910 and moved to Grinnell, Iowa. He is a member of the Friends church. His family consists of the following children: Charlotte, Olivia, Jervis C., of this review; Warren lives in Hardin county, Iowa; Mrs. Beulah Renaud also lives in that county; DeVerne lives in Montana; Leland and Lelah, twins, live in Grinnell, Iowa.

Jervis C. Johnson went to school in Lynnville, and after leaving the high school there he spent two years in Penn College. Returning home, he remained on the homestead, assisting with the work there until he was twenty-four years of age, then came to his present farm in Linn Grove township, Jasper county, the place which has been in the Johnson family so long. He now operates seventeen hundred acres, five hundred of which he owns in partnership with his uncle, Albert Johnson, the latter owning the rest of the land in question. The subject farms the greatest acreage of any one man in Linn Grove township. He is a young man of unusual enterprise, foresight, energy and sound judgment and he accomplishes a maximum amount of work with a minimum outlay of labor. He is an advocate of modern, scientific farming and it is a pleasure to glance over his broad acres and note how everything is operated under a splendid system, with what ease he carries on general

farming and stock raising on a large scale. He is one of the best known stock men of the county and he feeds from ten to fifteen carloads of cattle and about ten carloads of hogs annually. He raises full-blooded Percheron horses. He is a good judge of all kinds of live stock.

Politically, Mr. Johnson is a Republican, but locally he votes for the man, irrespective of party politics. He is a member of the Friends church.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage on October 20, 1903, to Winema Pemberton, who was born in Marshall county, Iowa, the daughter of Henry P. Pemberton, an early settler of that county, where he became the owner of four hundred acres of land. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson two children have been born, namely: Jervis Byron and Henry Maxwell.

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#### ORVILLE AUGUSTUS WHEELER.

Among the enterprising citizens of Sherman township, Jasper county, is Orville Augustus Wheeler, to a review of whose honorable career the attention of the reader is now called. An analyzation of his life work shows that he has been dependent upon no inheritance or influential friends for what he has acquired, but he has through his continued effort and capable management gained a desirable property, whereby he is classed among the self-made and influential men of the county, peculiar interest attaching to his career in view of the fact that he has been a resident of the locality of which this history treats all his life, having figured conspicuously in the agricultural and mercantile interests of the western part of the county.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Palo Alto township, this county, January 23, 1861, the son of Joseph R. and Sarah S. (Turch) Wheeler, the father born in Ohio, December 5, 1834, and the latter in Indiana, February 11, 1842. The father grew to maturity in his native community and received his education there, and when he was twenty years old, in 1854, he came to Jasper county, Iowa, with his father, John Wheeler, and they settled in Kellogg township, being among the early arrivals there when that section was practically a virgin prairie, dotted only here and there with a rude cabin. They drove from Ohio with a yoke of oxen. Here Joseph R. Wheeler became the owner of forty acres in Palo Alto township. On this he farmed until 1868, when he traded it for the corner lot in the city of Newton where the opera house now stands. Then for a period of twenty-five years he engaged in buying and selling live stock, becoming one of the best known and successful stock men of the county. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company B,

Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served most creditably for a period of three and one-half years, taking part in many important battles and trying campaigns. He was known to be a man of courage, good habits and public spirit. His death occurred in 1903. There were nine children in his family, named as follows: Mrs. Massilda J. Main, Orville Augustus, of this sketch; Mrs. Clara L. Loomis; Ernest Oliver, of Seattle; Mrs. Viola Mary Couch; Anthony; Mrs. Eunice Muller; Lucella died in infancy; Mrs. Delsie D. Milligan.

Orville A. Wheeler, of this review, grew up in Palo Alto township and received his education in the public schools there and in the schools of Newton. Afterwards he broke prairie one summer in Hamilton county, then for a year he rented and farmed land in Osborne county. He then came back to Jasper county, where he rented land until 1890 when he bought eighty acres in Sherman township. This he sold twelve years later and moved to the hamlet of Goddard where he bought grain and live stock, also sold coal and lumber, building up a very satisfactory business. In 1908 he bought the general store here which he conducted in a successful and satisfactory manner until in January, 1911, when he sold out.

Mr. Wheeler is a Democrat politically and he has been school director in his district, but he has never sought political leadership.

On March 25, 1883, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Amanda Abiah Couch, who was born in Seneca township, Seneca county, Ohio. She is the daughter of Rufus Baker Couch, who lived north of Mingo, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler two children have been born, Roy Charles and Mrs. Mary Sarah Leonard, living in Poweshiek township, this county.

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#### WILLIAM S. MURDOCK.

It is an unquestionable fact that the biographies of enterprising men, especially of good men, are instructive as guides and incentives to others. The examples they furnish of patient purpose and steadfast endeavor and integrity cannot help but influence others who are thrown in their company. Some men seem to belong to no exclusive class; apparently insurmountable obstacles have in many instances awakened their dormant faculties and served as a stimulus to carry them to ultimate renown. The instances of success in the face of adverse circumstances and unkind fate would seem almost to justify the conclusion that self-reliance with so much as a half-chance can accomplish any reasonable object. William Murdock, one of Mariposa township's most

enterprising farmers and public spirited citizens, is a man who has succeeded at his chosen life work through his individual efforts and his persistency despite obstacles and hinderments in general. Like the oak which needs the tempests to battle with in order to grow hardy and resisting, so his nature seems to have been made stronger and better through the hard knocks and obstacles that are the common fate of all mankind at some time or other.

Mr. Murdock was born in Iowa county, Iowa, February 2, 1866. He is the son of M. Davis Murdock and Elsie Jane (Jordan) Murdock, the father born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1836, and the mother was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1834. The elder Murdock grew up in Pennsylvania and began life on the farm. When he was a small boy his parents decided that he should prepare for the ministry and they therefore gave him excellent educational advantages, being helped very largely by his father, who was a well educated man and was at one time a teacher in an academy in Pennsylvania. When a young man M. Davis Murdock came to eastern Iowa and there entered the ministry of the United Brethren church, and he later preached all over the eastern part of the state, doing incalculable good and winning the esteem of all who know him, for he was not only an earnest advocate of the doctrine as set forth by the lowly Nazarene, but he was a good man in his every day life and always ready to assist those in need. He was married while living in Keokuk county. He proved his loyalty to the Union by enlisting in Company G, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at the commencement of the war between the states and he served very faithfully for a period of three years, acting first as chaplain. He fell ill and after his recovery he re-enlisted as a private.

After the war Mr. Murdock located in Louisa county, Iowa, where he lived for some time, then, in 1880, he moved to Mercer county, Illinois, where he had the pastorate of a church. He then moved to Rock Island county and there the subject was married. M. Davis Murdock has now retired and is living in Millersburg, Illinois, after a successful and praiseworthy career.

William S. Murdock moved to Nebraska in 1888 and there became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land. In 1894, after the crop failure there, he moved back to Rock Island county, Illinois, and rented land three years, then, in 1897, he moved to Jasper county, Iowa, and rented land in Mariposa township. In 1898 he moved on the old J. M. Campbell place, which he still operates. In 1906 he purchased eighty acres just north of where he lives and he tills this in connection with the two hundred acres which he rents, thus carrying on general farming on a large scale and he is meeting with success as a general farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of Nor-

man horses and shorthorn cattle, feeding annually a large number of hogs. Mr. Murdock is a Democrat and he belongs to the Baptist church, and his children are members of the Union church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Murdock was married on August 18, 1886, to Sarah E. Elliott, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, on December 30, 1867. She is the daughter of Nelson G. and Mary Elliott, early settlers of Rock Island county. Mrs. Murdock's paternal grandfather, L. C. Elliott, was one of the very first comers to that county and there the Elliott family has been well known for several generations. Nine children, named in order of birth as follows, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Murdock: Mrs. Edna May Paul, Mrs. Cora Dell Antel, Nelson Davis, Louis Cameron, Mary Ellen, Alfred Earl, Ruth Bessie, Esther and Naomi. Personally, Mr. Murdock is a pleasant gentleman to know, broad-minded, well posted and industrious.

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#### S. H. NEWELL.

In the collection of material for the biographical department of this publication there has been a constant aim to use a wise discrimination in regard to the selection of subjects and to exclude none worthy of representation within its pages. Here will be found mention of worthy citizens of all vocations, and at this juncture it is permitted to offer a resume of one of the most active of the younger generation of agriculturists of Jasper county, who, by close application and a willingness to forge ahead despite obstacles, has acquired a very substantial start in life and at the same time won and retained the respect of all who know him.

S. H. Newell was born in Scott county, Iowa, May 27, 1874, the son of S. S. and Frances (Powell) Newell, the mother born in New York and the father in Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in 1860, while yet single, and here they were married. He was a carpenter by trade, but after his marriage devoted his attention to farming, buying a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott county, which he cleared and improved and on which he lived until 1874, when he moved to Davenport, Iowa, where he lived three years, when he moved to Jasper county and bought a farm in Richland township and there became well established and lived until within two months of his death, which occurred on April 12, 1902. His widow is now living in Newton. They were the parents of ten children, four of whom are living.

S. H. Newell, of this sketch, was educated in the public schools and the high school at Kellogg, later attending the Des Moines Commercial College, lacking a short time of graduation. He returned to Jasper county and took up farming for a livelihood, operating the home place until his father's death, in 1902. He is now the owner of a good farm of one hundred and thirty-four acres, a part of the old homestead, but he farms it all, one hundred and eighty acres. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and he also engages in real estate to a considerable extent. He owns two hundred and ten acres in Jasper and Kossuth counties. These are used for speculation, but he makes this his home. He has remodeled the old home and added such other improvements as to render the place modern and desirable in every respect.

Politically, Mr. Newell is a Democrat. He was township clerk for one term and secretary of the school board for three years, still holding the latter position. He belongs to the Pleasant View Methodist church, and is a member of the Kellogg Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

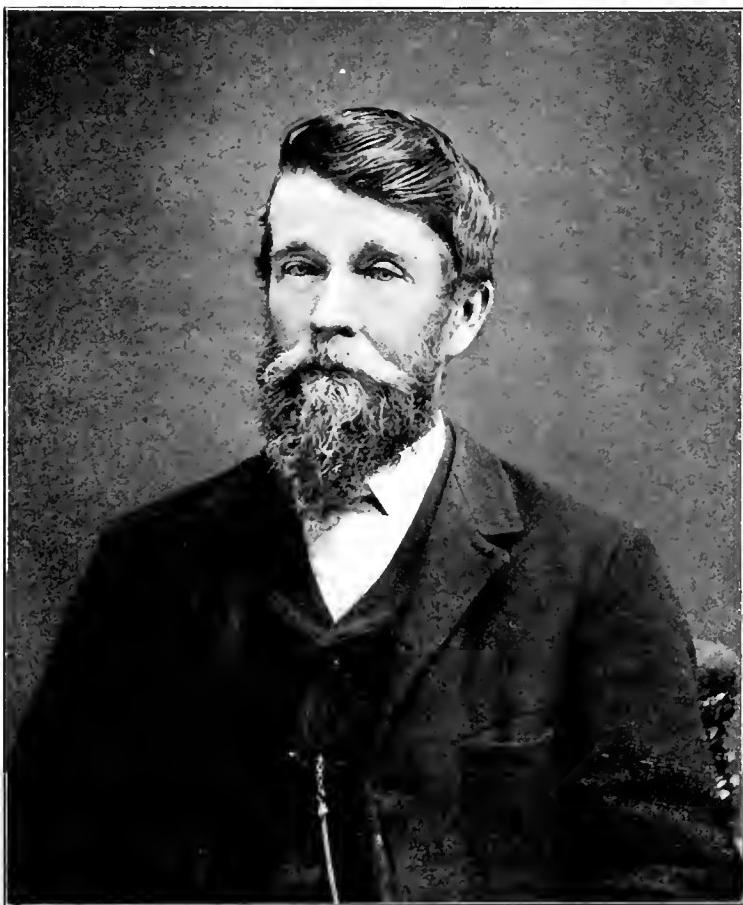
Mr. Newell was married on March 5, 1902, to Elva Allfree, a native of Jasper county and the daughter of J. W. Allfree and wife, old settlers here. One daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Newell.

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#### MARK W. BATEMAN.

Realizing that every day is a fresh beginning and that every morning the world is made new, Mark W. Bateman, one of Jasper county's honored citizens, has forged to the front despite obstacles, never permitting the failures of today to thwart his purposes on the tomorrow. Being a man of proper principles, he has endeavored to help others who, "weary with the march of life, were wont to fall by the wayside and perish." For many reasons he is eligible for conspicuous representation in his county's history.

Mr. Bateman was born on August 13, 1839, in Cambria, Pennsylvania, and he is the son of Wesley and Jane (Thomas) Bateman, natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in Center county, he being of French and English descent, while the mother's people were Welsh. The father of the subject was a carpenter and cabinet-maker, and he came west in 1856, bringing his son, Mark W., of this review. They came by steamboat to Glasgow, Missouri, and went from there to Sheridan county, Missouri, where they spent the summer. Later they moved to VanBuren county, Iowa, where they stayed until late in the fall, when they returned to Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1867 the entire



MARK W. BATEMAN



family came to Farmington, VanBuren county, and there the father worked at his trade until 1892 when he came to Monroe, Jasper county, and lived with his son. His death occurred at the Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown in January, 1895, at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a member of the famous "Gray Beard" Regiment, of Iowa, in which there was no man under forty-five years of age. He is remembered by his comrades as a brave and efficient soldier, serving until receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. He was a member of the Shelledy Post, Grand Army of the Republic, which was named after Colonel Shelledy, commander of his regiment. The mother of the subject died in Farmington, Iowa, several years before the elder Bateman's death. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom are living at this writing; they were: John T. who is in the National Soldiers' Home in Tennessee; Mark W., of this review; James E. and Anna Jane are both deceased; William H. was drowned when a boy; Milton W. died while in the army; George C. died in October, 1910.

Mark W. Bateman was married in 1863 to Jane Sulgrove, daughter of Edward and Margaret (Rodman) Sulgrove, natives of Indiana, in which state Mrs. Bateman was born. Her parents were early settlers in Iowa, having come here in 1839 or 1840, when the country was a wild and almost interminable prairie and the home of thousands of Indians.

About a year after his marriage Mr. Bateman drove five yoke of oxen to a "prairie-schooner" across the great western plains to Boise City, Idaho. He went in search of gold, but failed in his efforts and about a year later he returned to Iowa, reaching home in September, 1865, proving his courage and sterling mettle by making the return trip on a pony, the distance traversed being two thousand one hundred and fifty miles. It is indeed interesting to hear him relate incidents of his western trip in those early days. He was at that time living in Farmington, but with the coming of the Des Moines valley railroad he moved to Monroe, Jasper county, and has since made his home here, moving his family thither on March 26, 1867. At first, after arriving in Monroe, he engaged in the grain business; later he began working for the railroad company, but continued to buy grain. He has lived in the same house every since coming here, forty-four years ago. During this time he has seen the county develop from its primitive conditions to what it is today, one of the leading counties of the state, and he has taken an active and praiseworthy interest in the upbuilding of his community.

In the fall of 1873 he was elected constable of Fairview township and in January, 1874, he was appointed deputy sheriff of the county, serving most

acceptably in this office for six years, and as constable for sixteen years, finally giving up the office of his own accord. During this long service as a public official, he had many narrow escapes in encounters with desperadoes, but never failed to make an arrest when ordered to do so. In 1889 he was elected township clerk and served in this capacity with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned for a period of twenty years, at which time he was appointed justice of the peace, which office he has held to the present time, discharging the duties of the same in a highly commendable manner, his decisions being unbiased, impartial and fair to all parties concerned, and they have seldom been reversed at the hands of higher tribunals. He has also served on the town council and the school board. Fraternally, he belongs to Fairview Lodge No. 104, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having been a member for many years. At one time he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Bateman is a member of the Baptist church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bateman six children have been born, all of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Addie Jarnagin; Stella married James Keating, who died seven years ago, and she now lives with her father; Frederick E., Mrs. Ollie Crosby and Mrs. Margaret Ible, all live in Monroe; James E. lives in Omaha, Nebraska. This is one of the best known and most highly respected families in Jasper county.

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#### CHARLES C. CLINE.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor and been the pivotal industry that has controlled, for the most part, all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. Among this sturdy element of Jasper county whose labors have profited alike themselves and the community in which they live is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch, and in view of the consistent life record lived by Mr. Cline since coming to Richland township it is particularly fitting that the following chronicle of his career be incorporated in a book of this nature.

Charles C. Cline was born in Ottawa, LaSalle county, Illinois, March 16, 1860, the son of George W. and America (Fishburn) Cline. His maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine Fishburn, were natives of Pennsylvania, but of German descent. They moved to Ottawa, Illinois, about 1844 when

that country was in the first epoch of development. He was a butcher and cooper by trade, but upon his arrival in Illinois he took up farming, but later returned to the butcher business. He did well in the new country and was enabled to spend his last days in retirement. Their daughter, America, mother of the subject, was six years old when she was brought to Illinois and there she grew to womanhood and was married. The paternal grandparents of Charles C. Cline, of this sketch, John and Elizabeth Cline, were natives of Virginia, where they grew up and from there moved to southern Ohio, where they remained two years, then came to Tazewell county, Illinois, locating near Delavan. Mr. Cline was a shoemaker by trade and this he followed for a livelihood, both remaining in the last named vicinity until their death. George W. Cline was born in 1829. He was reared near Delavan, Tazewell county, Illinois, and in 1858 he was married in LaSalle county. In 1865 they moved to Livingston county and there engaged in farming, the father's death occurring in 1900. Politically, he was a Democrat and held a number of local offices, such as township supervisor. He was once a candidate for sheriff. He was very successful in his life work and at the time of his death owned a splendid farm of three hundred and twenty acres. His widow survives, being now seventy-four years of age. They became the parents of eleven children, ten of whom are living. The father was a good and useful man, took particular pains to rear his family in comfort and respectability, and he always set a good example. The mother is a worthy member of the Baptist church.

Charles C. Cline, of this review, received a good common school education, though, being the oldest son, he was compelled to assist with the general work about the home farm when a boy. He started in life for himself as a farmer and rented in Illinois for five years in order to get a start. In 1891 he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and has operated a good farm of two hundred acres in Richland township, on which he has installed up-to-date improvements. He pays particular attention to live stock and is a breeder of **Poland China hogs** and roan Durham cattle, selling about one hundred head of the former annually. Up to about eight years ago he raised a carload of cattle annually. Politically, he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Lynnvile lodge of Masons.

Mr. Cline was married on March 31, 1887, to Ellen Dixon, a native of Illinois and the daughter of Springer and Mary Dixon, old settlers from Pennsylvania. Her father's death occurred on June 23, 1911, but the mother is still living. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cline, named as follows: Grace, Edna, George, Harry and the youngest, who died at birth.

## STEPHEN J. SPARKS.

One of the most widely known and highly honored of Jasper county pioneers is Stephen J. Sparks, of Lynnville, who came to this favored region when a boy and has lived here continuously. He early had the sagacity and prescience to discern the eminence which the future had in store for this great section of the Hawkeye commonwealth, and, acting in accordance with the dictates of faith and judgment, he reaped in the fullness of time the generous benefits which are the just recompense of indomitable industry, spotless integrity and marvelous enterprise. Few men of the county have played a better or more noticeable role in the general progress of the locality than he, for while laboring for his individual advancement he never shrank from his larger duties to civilization, and now in the golden Indian summer of his years, surrounded by all the comforts of life as a result of his former years of industry, he can look backward over a career well spent in which duty was well and conscientiously performed and know that he has the good will and hearty esteem of all those who have come into contact with him.

Mr. Sparks was born in Morgan county, Illinois, August 28, 1833, the son of T. M. and Sarah (Gesford) Sparks, both natives of Adair county, Kentucky, having been born about forty miles from Louisville. They went to Illinois about 1830, when young, there married and took up farming which they followed there, among the early settlers, until about 1836, when they removed to near the Black Hawk settlement in Lee county, Iowa, being pioneers of this state; they lived in that locality for eleven years, then moved to Jasper county about 1846 or 1847, and they established their permanent home by entering the land where Lynnville Junction now stands, the elder Sparks entering about eighteen hundred acres of land in Linn Grove township. Stephen J. Sparks was the second man to own this land, buying it from his father. Part of this T. M. Sparks broke, cultivated and became one of the leading early farmers here, living on this place until old age, when he moved to the village of Lynnville, where his death occurred about 1891; his first wife having died about four years previously, he remarried. He was a man of unusual physical strength and endurance, his average weight having been two hundred and forty pounds. He was a fine type of the hardy and brave frontiersman. His family consisted of twelve children. He was prominent in local affairs for years.

Stephen J. Sparks received what education he could in the pioneer schools of Lee county, Iowa, and he grew up on the home farm, having been fourteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Jasper county. He

knew the meaning of hard work early in life and broke much wild land for his father and others on the prairies here, breaking in all about two thousand acres. In the early days he was a great rail splitter and wood cutter and he attributes his long life and good health to constant exercise in the open, his theory being that hard physical work never hurts anybody. When a boy he followed teaming for five years, hauling goods from remote points. He recalls the fact that when the family first moved to Iowa they lived near the scene of the famous Mormon murder, within a mile, in fact, of the home of Miller and Liza, the father of the subject having built the house in which they were killed.

When twenty-one years of age Stephen J. Sparks started in life for himself, his father having given him forty acres of land, valued at one hundred and twenty-five dollars. This he traded for seventy acres, building a hewed log house on the latter, got married and started to developing his little farm, his first wife being Martha Loton, and their wedding occurred in 1859; her death occurred in 1861, leaving two children, Amanda, who is still living, and Martha, who died in 1862.

Mr. Sparks is one of the honored veterans of the great Union army, having enlisted on August 22, 1862, at Camp Polk, Iowa City, in Company D, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Felix Cozad, as drummer, and he served with much credit for a period of three months as drummer and as a private for nine months, being discharged at Paducah, Kentucky, on account of disability. He was with the troops that held Columbus, Kentucky, which was at one time considered by some to be the keynote of the rebellion.

Returning to Jasper county after his army experience, Mr. Sparks herded cattle for two years on the prairies. He recalls that at that time deer, wolves, wild turkey and other game was plentiful. He took up farming again, broke his land, added to it and bought two hundred and forty acres from his father. It was his custom to improve part of his land at a time and sell it, continuing thus for a number of years and thereby prospered. At one time he owned the land where the town of Lynnville now stands, and when the spur of the Iowa Central railroad was built to that town, about 1866, it came through his land. Mr. Sparks graded the tracks there, built the first stock yards at Lynnville Junction, also put down the first platform there. For a period of twenty-five years he bought and shipped live stock on an extensive scale, to Chicago, averaging one hundred car loads annually for a period of ten years, during which time he became known as one of the leading stock men in central Iowa, and in this enterprise he was most successful, accumulating a competency much in excess of that of the average person. About 1907 he retired from active

life and moved to Lynnville, where he has a beautiful and well furnished home and here he is spending his declining days. He owns one hundred and forty acres of land one and one-half miles east of the village, right on the county line. He has two and a half acres surrounding his town property.

On December 26, 1863, Mr. Sparks was united in marriage with Mrs. Rebecca Wolf, nee Gile, a native of Boone county, Indiana, the daughter of Samuel and Eliza Gile, who moved to Jasper county, Iowa, when their daughter, Rebecca, was eleven years of age, Mr. Gile being a farmer and pioneer preacher in the Christian church, and he did much good here in the early days. His death occurred about 1883, his widow surviving until about 1891. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living. The father died in Kansas and the mother in Missouri; they had come to Indiana from the East, and were everywhere known as splendid characters. The wife of Mr. Sparks was the mother of two children by Mr. Wolf, namely: Calvin, who died in infancy, and Eliza, who is living in the state of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have traversed the highway of life together for a period of forty-eight years. Six children have been born to them, namely: Sarah, wife of Charles Monroe, who is treasurer of Mahaska county, Iowa; William P., who lives in Grinnell, Iowa; Perry M. lives on his father's farm; Laura M. is the wife of Al Hawkett, a carpenter of Grinnell; Clara Belle, who died when three years of age, was the first person buried in Greenwood cemetery; Jasper S. lives on a claim thirty-five miles east of Sturgis, South Dakota.

Mr. Sparks joined the Masons at Camp Polk, Iowa City, in 1862, but was not permitted to take his degree until he returned from the army; he belongs to Lebanon Lodge at Lynnville. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Lynnville. In politics he stands for the best interests of the country regardless of party. He served twenty-two years as road supervisor and twenty years as school director, his long service in these positions being sufficient evidence of his high standing in his home community and of the confidence reposed in him by his neighbors and acquaintances. He has done much in furthering local matters in every way. Among other commendable acts was the giving of one thousand dollars to aid the building of the local Christian church, of which he and his estimable wife are worthy members. They have reared their children in a most wholesome atmosphere and they are fine characters, none of the sons using tobacco or liquor.

In 1906 Mr. Sparks was awarded prizes for being the oldest living settler in Iowa, having lived within the borders of this commonwealth for a period of seventy-five years to August 26, 1911. This is indeed an honored distinction, and he is duly grateful that heaven has thus lengthened out his life. He was

also awarded the prize for being the oldest soldier at the old settlers' reunion. Moderation has always been his shibboleth and he has avoided excesses of all kinds, and been careful of not only his actions but his thoughts also, believing that, to a great extent, "as a man thinketh so is he."

Mr. Sparks is a second cousin of the famous frontiersman, Daniel Boone, many of whose sterling qualities he seems to have inherited, one being his love of the open country. God's great out-of-doors, and although he is now seventy-eight years of age, he is still a great walker. It is indeed most interesting to hear him recall reminiscences of the early days, "ye goode old tymes," for he properly belongs to a generation whose customs and manners were different from ours, in fact, when most everything was different, and, shall we say, better? No doubt, he will tell you so, and who is prepared to gainsay him? Among other things in his adventurous and picturesque career may be mentioned the fact that he lived among the Mormons in Illinois and Iowa for twelve years, during which time he had ample opportunity to study their modes of life and peculiar characteristics, and he was a participant in the Mormon war at Nauvoo, Illinois. He is indeed one of Iowa's grand old men whom it is a pleasure and privilege to know.

He was an Indian trader of some extent and taught four different languages or dialects of the different Indian tribes and stood guard with an Indian at Columbus, Kentucky, during the war. Mr. Spark's address is Postoffice Box 40, Lynnville, Iowa.

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#### HENRY WILLIAM KLOPPING.

Of excellent German ancestry is Henry William Klopping, one of the most thrifty and up-to-date agriculturists of Mariposa township, Jasper county, who is still residing on the farm on which he was born, being content to spend his life right here at home instead of seeking uncertain fortune in other fields. His birth occurred on December 27, 1865, and he is the son of Konrad and Louisa (Stuckmeier) Klopping, both born in Germany, the father in Lippe-Detmold, on January 13, 1830, and the mother on June 6, 1825. They both grew up in their native land and married and there devoted themselves to farming until they emigrated to Freeport, Illinois where they lived a year and in the fall of 1856 they moved to Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa, where the father traded a team of horses for forty acres of land and where the subject of this sketch now lives. The father prospered here through hard work and good management and added to his original purchase until he owned

two hundred and eighty acres. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist church. The father died on November 8, 1910, the mother having preceded him to the grave on November 5, 1906. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, namely: Henry W., of this review, is the sixth in order of birth; the first two children, daughters, died in infancy: Mrs. Caroline Hirt; Konrad; Adolph, of Toledo, Ohio; Edward died when nine years old.

After leaving school No. 4, Mariposa township, Henry W. Klopping rented the home farm one year when twenty years of age, later buying the entire two hundred and eighty acres of the homestead which he has kept under a high state of cultivation and improvement, rendering it one of the choice farms of the township. He has remodeled the house and generally improved the place, all now denoting thrift and industry. He has been uniformly successful as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Politically, Mr. Klopping is a Republican and he has served on the local school board. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Klopping was married on March 19, 1890, to Carrie Vieth, who was born in Missouri on August 25, 1868, the daughter of Henry and Louisa (Waggoner) Veith, he a native of Germany and she of Missouri. He spent his early life in the fatherland, emigrating from there to the United States in 1856 and locating in Missouri.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Klopping, of this sketch, named as follows: William, born September 22, 1892; Mary, born May 31, 1894; Elmer, born December 7, 1897; Esther, born February 8, 1900; Louis, born May 9, 1902; Roy, born January 23, 1905; Edith May, born October 16, 1909.

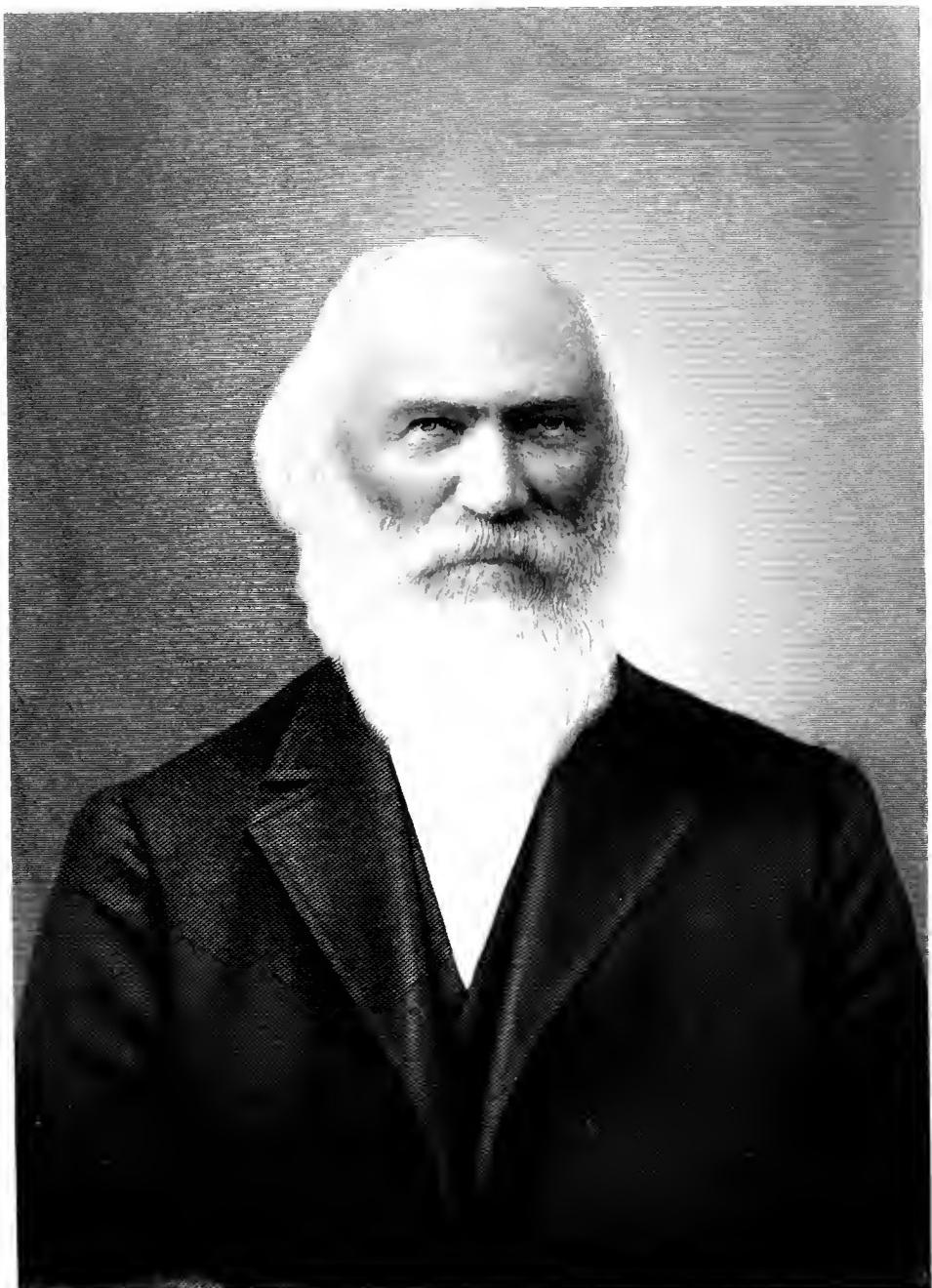
In connection with his general farming, Mr. Klopping is a well known breeder of Percheron horses, which, being of excellent grade, are much admired and never fail to bring good prices.

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#### PRESTON CHAMBERS.

"Man is the noblest work of God," wrote England's great satire poet, Alexander Pope, "and a truly noble man but fulfills the plan of the Creator." The life of man describes a circle. The cycles of existence of different lives form concentric circles, for some are given but a quarter of a century wherein to complete the appointed work, while the span of others varies to the allotted three score and ten. But how true and comforting that life is measured, not by years alone, but rather by a purpose achieved, by noble deeds accredited to





Preston Chamberlain



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it. How often we are confronted when a loved friend and co-worker answers the final summons, with the question "Why must he go when there yet remains so much for him to do, when he can so illy be spared?" But the grim messenger heeds not and we are left to mourn and accept submissively. The death of the late Preston Chambers removed from Jasper county one of her most substantial and highly esteemed citizens and the many beautiful tributes to his high standing in the world of affairs and as a man and citizen attested to the abiding place he had in the hearts and affections of his myriad of friends through this locality, and his career, eminently honorable and successful, is commended as an example for the younger generation.

Mr. Chambers was born in Monroe county, Indiana, on March 22, 1824. He was the son of Andrew and Sarah (Noland) Chambers, a worthy pioneer family of the Hoosier state and there the subject grew to manhood and received such educational advantages as the schools of those early times afforded. He was married while living in LaPorte county, Indiana, to Rachael K. Weast, who was born in Pennsylvania on December 23, 1830, the year of their marriage being in 1848. They continued to reside in Indiana until 1855, when they made the long overland journey to Jasper county, Iowa. Their's was a typical pioneer outfit which wended its prolix way through the winding, rough roads of the forests and across the wide-stretching plains, this move having been accomplished by two yoke of oxen to old-fashioned prairie-schooners. They located in Elk Creek township, and here they entered eighty acres of government land on the prairie, and purchased some timbered land. They endured the hardships and privations incident to life in a new country where neighbors were few and far remote and much work was necessary before the soil could be made produce a harvest; but they were people of courage and did not quail before obstacles and hardships, so they went to work with a will and soon had a good home. Prospering by reason of persistent application and good management, Mr. Chambers added to his original holdings from time to time until he became the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable land, his farm consisting of three hundred and fifty-three acres at the time of his death. He farmed on an extensive scale and was also an extensive cattle and hog feeder for many years. He accumulated a competency and was more successful than the average agriculturist of his times. He certainly deserved the large success which he achieved in a material way, for he hewed out his own fortune without aid from any one, and, too, without any textbook training, for he attended school only forty days in all, and when he was married there were some letters in the alphabet which he could not write. But he was a keen observer and later made up for this lack of boyhood training by

home study, miscellaneous reading and actual contact with the business world. In fact, he studied law and was admitted to the bar on the 26th of May, 1877. Later moving to Pella, Iowa, he engaged successfully in the practice of law for about eighteen months, then returned to his farm, preferring the freedom of the rural life to the exactions of the thorny life of a barrister; however, he kept up his practice, settling up estates and doing much other work of a similar nature.

Mr. Chambers was a very tall, athletic man and when he first settled in this county he lived in the timber and won the familiar sobriquet of the "Big Man of the Woods." He became the leading man of his locality and was frequently sought for advice and help in various ways; this was especially true of the German settlers. He was known to be an obliging, kind, generous and neighborly man, never withholding aid or charity when needed. This excellent citizen was called to his reward on June 9, 1907, after a well-rounded, successful and honorable life.

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#### JOHN SIMPSON.

The subject of this review, a Lynn Grove township farmer, is a familiar figure in the eastern part of Jasper county, although a newcomer, and has won a host of friends since he cast his lot with this people, his popularity being well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated industry and a willingness to do his share in forwarding public enterprises. He has always been known to take a deep interest in whatever tends to promote the material, moral and intellectual welfare of the communities which he selected as his choice arena of activities.

Mr. Simpson was born in Logan county, Illinois, September 4, 1859, and he is the son of John D. and Isabel (McKee) Simpson. The paternal grandparents, David and Mary Ann Simpson, were natives of Scotland, from which country they emigrated to America in 1818 and located in Columbia, Illinois, when that country was still practically a wilderness, locating with a Scotch colony in Logan county. David Simpson was a blacksmith by trade, and when the war with Mexico broke out he took part, making a gallant soldier under our flag. He and his wife spent their last years in Illinois. The subject's maternal grandparents, John and Ann McKee, were natives of Holland, and from that country they emigrated to the United States about 1823 and they, too, located among the pioneers in Logan county, Illinois.

There Mr. McKee ran a mill the rest of his life, he having learned the miller's trade in his native land, though he farmed later in life. The mother of the subject, who was the second child of her parents born in America, was reared in Illinois, as was also Mr. Simpson's father, and there they married. There the father learned the blacksmith's trade when a boy, but later he went to farming and became the owner of about two hundred and eighty acres of land just south of East St. Louis, but finally retired from farming, went to speculating and lost what he had accumulated. He and his wife are both now deceased. They were the parents of nine children, of whom John, of this sketch, was the oldest and is the only one now living. He was educated in the public schools of Columbia, Illinois, and reared on the home farm and he took up farming for a livelihood when a young man and there continued agricultural pursuits in his native state with unabating success until 1910. In that year he married and came to Jasper county, Iowa, and is now successfully operating a neat little farm of sixty-three acres in Lynn Grove township, which they own; he is also the owner of eighty acres of valuable land in the Pecos valley, Texas. He is a breeder of Poland-China hogs and short-horn cattle.

Politically, Mr. Simpson is independent, but formerly he voted the Democratic ticket. In Illinois he was constable for several years, also marshal. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both to the Rebekahs, she being a leading member of the latter, having passed all the chairs in the same; she is at present chaplain of the local lodge.

On August 23, 1910, Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Mrs. Anna Thompson, widow of J. A. Thompson, her maiden name having been Meredith; her parents were John and Martha (Brown) Meredith, the father born in South Carolina and the mother in Kentucky, he in the year 1809 and she in 1823. Mr. Meredith's parents died when he was young and he was reared by an uncle and moved to Illinois, but later in life moved to Iowa and here married. Mrs. Simpson's maternal grandparents, Payton and Elizabeth Brown, were natives of Kentucky and at a very early date moved to Illinois, in which state they spent the balance of their lives. She married a Mr. Sweet in Illinois, by which union five children were born, and about 1874 they came to Jasper county, Iowa, locating in Lynn Grove township, and here his death occurred. The father probably married in Kentucky, and he came to Iowa in 1850 and located near Newton. He was a blacksmith by trade. His wife died in early life and in 1853 he married a second time, the widow

Sweet being his second choice. They moved to Lynn Grove township, and seven children were born to this union, five of whom are still living, namely: Henry C., Mrs. Sarah Crews, Mrs. Belle Owens, Jonathan and Mrs. Simpson.

To Mrs. Simpson four children were born by her first husband, Mr. Thompson, namely: Orville, deceased; Everett, deceased; Melvin; Alberta is deceased. The death of Mr. Thompson occurred on September 21, 1907. The death of John Meredith, mentioned above, occurred on April 18, 1888, in Lynn Grove township, and his wife died on February 14, 1911.

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#### W. E. JENNINGS.

Mound Prairie township has no more progressive farmer or Jasper county no more honored citizen than W. E. Jennings, who, like many of our enterprising men, hails from the old Empire state, his birth having occurred in Ontario county, New York, September 5, 1863, the son of Charles and Mary R. (Starkweather) Jennings. The paternal grandparents were New Englanders and they spent their lives in their native country, as did also the maternal grandparents. The father of the subject was born in western New York and the mother in Vermont and they were married there. Charles Jennings was a carriage-maker by trade. He brought his family to Iowa in 1871, arriving in Jasper county on January 11th of that year, and they located on a farm of about one hundred acres just southeast of Colfax. Mr. Jennings here became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres and he lived here until his death, on July 16, 1894. Politically, he was a Republican, but he never aspired to public office. Before leaving New York he was a justice of the peace. His family consisted of two children, W. E., of this review, and John Charles Fremont, who died in December, 1900. The mother was a member of the Presbyterian church. Her death occurred on January 25, 1907. The father was reared a Quaker, from which faith he never departed.

W. E. Jennings was educated in the common schools of Colfax and he spent five months in Hazel Dell Academy at Newton. He was reared on the home farm and after he quit school he began the management of the home place, building a house near that of his father. In 1890 he moved to the two-hundred-acre farm he had purchased east of his home, in Mound Prairie township, and here he has carried on general farming and stock raising in a manner that has resulted in much definite success. He has a rich and well improved farm and a good home. He also runs a light dairy business, dispos-

ing of his products at Colfax. Politically, he is a Republican and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has never aspired to public office.

On September 14, 1892, Mr. Jennings was united in marriage with Mary E. Baldwin, who was born at Ira, this county, August 1, 1866, the daughter of Mirtlow and Sarah Jane (Green) Jennings, the father born in New York and the mother in Illinois. Mirtlow Baldwin came to Iowa in the fall of 1855, and Sarah Jane Green came to this locality in 1858 with her widowed mother, Mary (Dotson) Green. The latter's family of five children were furnished a home by their uncle, Charles Dotson, and here the mother reared them. The maternal grandfather was Harvey Green. The mother had been married first to Willis Rowe, who was killed during the Civil war, and on October 5, 1865, she married Mirtlow Baldwin. He led a quiet life on the farm, but finally moved to Newton where he spent the last sixteen years of his life, and died there on January 1, 1909, and there his widow still resides. They had two children, Mary E., wife of Mr. Jennings, and Eugene H., who lives at Fara, near Mingo, Iowa. The paternal grandparents, Newton and Sarah Jane (Tucker) Baldwin, were natives of New York, from which state they came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1855. They finally moved away, and the grandfather died in Wisconsin, and the grandmother in Montana.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, namely: Harvey E., a graduate of the high school at Colfax; Hugh B., who died in infancy, and Hazel.

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#### GEORGE WASHINGTON BLANFORD.

In placing before the reader the review that follows due reference is accorded the feelings of the subject in conformity with whose wishes the writer will endeavor to adhere strictly to facts and omit as far as possible complimentary allusions, at the same time realizing that the latter have been honorably earned and should form no small part of a life-sketch in which it is sought to render nothing but what justice and meritorious recognition demand.

George Washington Blanford, successful tiller of the soil, of Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, hails from the "dark and bloody ground" country, having been born in Kentucky, June 27, 1836, the son of Henry and Nancy L. Blanford, natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. Henry Blanford moved to Kentucky when a young man and there married. He was

a farmer by occupation and in 1841 he moved to Illinois, locating in Edgar county, where he lived until his death, at the age of eighty-six years, his wife also reaching that age. They entered land from the government, which they developed. Their family consisted of twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, and six of them are still living.

George W. Blanford was educated in the common schools of Illinois and he grew up on the farm. He moved to Iowa in the fall of 1856 and located near Ottumwa, where he remained a short time, then came to Jasper county and bought a small farm, but soon sold it. He bought a farm of one hundred acres in 1862 in Mound Prairie township, to which he later added forty acres, then eighty acres, and he is now the owner of one of the choice farms of the township, consisting of two hundred and forty acres. He has placed modern improvements on the same and has a pleasant home and everything about him indicates thrift and good management. In connection with general farming he handles a good grade of live stock. In 1886 Mr. Blanford moved to Grinnell for the purpose of educating his children, but moved back to the farm five years later and he has lived retired practically ever since.

Politically, Mr. Blanford is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Blanford was married on March 1, 1863, to Mary Ellen Slaughter, who was born April 17, 1841, near Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Melinda Slaughter, old settlers, having first come from Newark, Ohio, and located near Burlington, Iowa, in 1840 and in 1846 they came on to Jasper county, when their closest neighbors were ten miles away. Mr. Slaughter's death occurred in 1902, at the age of eighty-three years, his widow surviving until April 24, 1905, dying at the age of eighty-eight years. Mr. Slaughter entered one hundred and sixty acres in Mound Prairie township, and, being a man of unusual business ability, he prospered and became the owner of twelve hundred acres of valuable land. He was a Whig and later a Democrat, but he was never an aspirant for public office, preferring to give his exclusive attention to his large farming interests and his family. His family consisted of seven children, two of whom are living, Mrs. Blanford, of this sketch, and Scott Slaughter, of Mound Prairie township. Mr. Slaughter was a thirty-second-degree Mason and prominent in that order, having joined first in Prairie City.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blanford, namely: Dora, who is the wife of James Stewart, was graduated from the Young Ladies' Atheneum at Jacksonville, Illinois; William T. was graduated from a busi-

ness college at Lexington, Kentucky; Consuelo is the wife of Lewin Pigler; Frank; Joseph; Katherine was graduated from the business college at Lexington, Kentucky, and she was also graduated from the high school at Grinnell, Iowa; she was a young lady of talent and her promising career was cut short by death at the age of twenty-three years; George Edward and Charles A.

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#### CHARLES O. MACY.

The important facts in the life history of one of Jasper county's intelligent men of affairs are set forth in the following paragraphs, briefly, but we hope correctly. The career of Charles O. Macy, president of Macy Brothers Exchange Bank at Lynnville and long one of the leading business men of this section of Iowa, illustrates most happily for the purposes of this work the fact that if a young man possesses the proper attributes of mind and heart, he can, though unaided, attain a position of unmistakable precedence and gain for himself an honored position among the men who are the foremost factors in shaping the destinies of communities and towns. His life proves that the only true success in this world is that which is accomplished by personal effort and consecutive industry. It also demonstrates that the road to position is open to all who possess the courage to tread its pathway and serves as an inspiration to the young of the present and future generations, teaching by incontrovertible facts that true success is ambition's legitimate answer.

Mr. Macy was born in this county on December 15, 1866, and he is the son of S. H. and Abigail Macy, an honored old family here, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The subject was educated in Lynnville, Lynn Grove township, later taking a course at Grinnell College. He first started in life for himself as a dealer in live stock, in partnership with his brother, E. B., under the firm name of Macy Brothers, in 1887. They built up a very extensive and lucrative business, becoming leaders in this line of endeavor in this section of the state. Later on they added grain, lumber and coal, maintaining headquarters both at Sully and Killduff. Their operations in these lines reached large proportions and have ever been on the increase, and by judicious management, keen discernment and honest, straightforward dealing with their fellowmen they have made few mistakes and have accumulated a competency, becoming among the substantial citizens of the county. In 1900 they organized the Macy Brothers Exchange Bank at Lynn-

ville, with Charles O. Macy as president and E. B. Macy as cashier. This bank has had a splendid growth and is considered one of the sound, safe and conservative institutions in this part of the state and its business has steadily grown since it was organized. The Macy brothers also own one of the finest farms in Jasper county, consisting of two hundred and eighty acres of well improved and productive land and here they carry on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. In addition to this they have an interest in about seven hundred acres of valuable and well located land.

Politically, Mr. Macy votes independently, and he belongs to the Friends church.

Mr. Macy was married in 1901 to Anna Newby, a lady of many commendable attributes of mind and heart, a native of Indiana and the daughter of John T. and Martha Newby, an influential old family. The beautiful home of the subject and wife has been blessed by the birth of three children, Carroll, Ward and Willis.

Personally, Mr. Macy is a man whom it is a pleasure to meet, for with all of his capacity for the management of large affairs he is plain and unassuming, the kind of character everybody likes. By courageous persistence he has surmounted all obstacles, attaining a position of prominence in the community and comparative affluence, having ever maintained a high order of living, dealing fairly with his fellowmen, and it would be hard to find a man in Jasper county who stands higher in general public esteem. He has never sought public office, although well qualified to fill most any in the gift of the people, but he has preferred to devote his attention to his large private affairs; however, he has ever assisted in furthering the interests of his community whether in a political, moral or social way.

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#### JOHN W. THARP.

The world is always ready to give credit to whom credit is due, or at least such an aphorism is qualifiedly true, and the man that accomplishes definite goals and does large things is always given credit by his fellow men; especially is this true if one attains a high rung on the ladder of success despite unfortunate environment or overcomes insurmountable obstacles, refusing to be downed or thwarted by adversity. Such a man is John W. Tharp, one of the sterling citizens of Jasper county, who was born January 12, 1857, in Adair county, Missouri. Both his parents died when he was a baby, and he



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was reared by John Stover, with whom he remained until he was twelve years of age, when he set out alone to make his way in the world. He has no recollections whatever of his parents; thus, without their solicitous care and guidance, he was compelled to forge ahead as best he could. Until he was twenty years of age he built grades for the Iowa Central Railroad, with the exception of one winter which he spent in school. When eighteen years of age he was studying the "second reader," but, being determined to get an education, he put forth every effort in this line and by close application, which has been continued to the present time, he has been enabled to gather a vast fund of general information by miscellaneous home reading and study; in fact, it was but a few years until he was qualified to teach. Leaving the Iowa Central Railroad, he worked with a bridge gang on the Wabash road and also part of the time in the railroad yards in St. Louis. On December 24, 1882, he was united in marriage with Melvina Earp, daughter of L. D. and Serena (Iler) Earp, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Kentucky; they spent their lives on a farm and came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1847, settling among the early pioneers near where the town of Galesburg now stands, entering three hundred and twenty acres of land from the government. Prior to his death the father sold all his land and moved to Galesburg, where he lived retired until his death, in December, 1893, at the age of eighty-three years; his widow survived until September, 1900, reaching the age of eighty-two years. They became well known and prominent in Galesburg and vicinity where they so long resided. Mr. Earp was fearless and outspoken for the truth and right and he was an ardent church worker, it being largely through his efforts that the Methodist Episcopal church at Galesburg was built. He was twice married, Mrs. Tharp being a child by the second marriage; her brothers and sisters are, Eveline, wife of George Talbot, of Sac City, Iowa; Thomas lives at Newton; John lives in Utah; Milton lives in Dorchester, Nebraska; Phoebe is the wife of Marion Butin, living near Reasnor; those deceased are, Rozelia, who married Philo Linfoot; Sarah Lincoln, who died at sixteen years of age; an infant that died at six months and one in younger infancy. To Mr. Earp's first marriage were born nine children, of whom five are still living, namely: Peter lives in California; Walter lives near Reasnor, this county; Adeline is the widow of John Her and lives in Grant City, Iowa; Jonathan lives in Montana; Nancy Clark is the widow of Oren Clark and lives in South Dakota; those deceased are, Philip, James, William (died in the army) and Mariah, wife of William Apliss.

Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tharp: Herbert Milton, born November 17, 1883, lives at Newton, Iowa, is married and has one child,

a daughter; Homer Weston, born July 25, 1885, lives near Reasnor on the farm owned by his father, is married and has one child, a son.

After his marriage John W. Tharp worked in a coal bank, on a farm, as cream buyer for the Newton Creamery Company and, in fact, did whatever he could to earn an honest living. At one time he and his wife moved in with her father and cared for him for two years. At another period of his life he lived in Newton and owned and operated a transfer line. During three winters he was compelled to go to Cherokee, Iowa, for medical treatment, but at all times he has worked most persistently and faithfully, and his industry has been very satisfactorily rewarded for he is the owner of a very valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres, besides town property of considerable value. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for his large success in material affairs, owing to the fact that he has been compelled to go it alone, and having always led an honest and clean life he has won the respect of all who know him.

During the past eight years Mr. Tharp has very ably and conscientiously served his county in political and public capacities, always to the entire satisfaction of the people, most of the time as superintendent of roads, being considered one of the best road builders in the county this being his present occupation.

Everybody knows and respects John Tharp and at one time he was candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket, and notwithstanding his popularity he was defeated, but solely owing to a split in his party. He is a member of Newton Lodge No. 50, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mrs. Tharp is an active member of the Methodist church at Reasnor and is a most excellent and kindly woman, well liked in all circles.

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#### ROBERT MELVIN MORRIS.

Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa, has no more progressive or painstaking agriculturist and stock raiser than Robert Melvin Morris, a man who is eminently entitled to the success he has attained, for he has worked hard in the face of obstacles and has dealt honestly with his fellow men, according to those who have long known him.

Mr. Morris was born on February 8, 1873, in this township and he has been contented to spend his life right here at home knowing that no better place was to be found for the calling which he selected. Here he was edu-

cated in the common schools, obtaining a good education and he spent his boyhood on the home farm in the summer months, making a hand when but a lad; however, the training he thus received augured for his future success.

Mr. Morris is the son of Stephen and Charlotte R. (Wilson) Morris, the father born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on July 3, 1838, and the mother was born in Arkansas on November 27, 1840.

The paternal grandparents, Paten and Martha Morris, lived and died in Ohio. The maternal grandparents, Robert W. and Johanna Wilson, left Arkansas in 1842 and moved to Clark county, Indiana, and lived there until 1854 when they drove through with wagon and team to Jasper county, Iowa. R. W. Wilson entered a farm from the government just east of Rushville in Kellogg township and there he and his wife resided until their deaths. The mother of the subject was two years of age when she accompanied her parents from Arkansas to Indiana and she came west with them, later moving to Jasper county, spending her girlhood days in Kellogg township. She received a good education and taught the first school in district No. 4, in Mariposa township, when the district was opened in 1863. She and Mr. Morris were married on February 11, 1866, he having come to Jasper county from Ohio in 1860. Early in the Civil war the father, Stephen Morris, enlisted in Company I, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served most creditably for a period of three and one-half years. He was in the hospital a great deal of the time from eye trouble, which bothered him all the balance of his life. Stephen Morris had bought a farm in Jasper county before he came to Iowa, and after the war he traded that for the home place of one hundred and sixty acres in Mariposa township, to which he later added forty acres. He was a Republican in politics and all the family were members of the Methodist church. The death of Stephen Morris occurred on February 4, 1901, and since then the mother has been living among her children. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morris, named as follows: Mrs. Sarah Elvira Pennington, of Colton, South Dakota; Ame Clair died in infancy; Mrs. Hilaria J. Altemeier, of Mariposa township; Robert M., of this review, the fourth in order of birth; Jesse Paten is living in Newton, Iowa; Herbert S. is deceased; Mrs. Edith J. Snodgrass is living in South Dakota; Clarence is deceased; Harvey Rice lives in Worth county, Iowa.

When twenty-one years of age Robert M. Morris, of this sketch, began renting land for agricultural purposes and, having gotten a start in that manner, he was enabled to buy a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in 1902, in Mariposa township, known as the old Jimmy Lee farm, which he has greatly improved and, as stated, is making a success as a general farmer.

Politically, Mr. Morris is a Republican, but takes little active interest in public affairs.

Mr. Morris was married on February 8, 1900, to Cora Hammer, who was born in Kellogg township, Jasper county, Iowa, on March 12, 1880, the daughter of Zachary and Jane (Tharp) Hammer, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Indiana. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morris: Velma, born December 14, 1900; Olive, born December 20, 1902; Russell, born August 31, 1904; Merlin, born May 24, 1907; Doris, born July 11, 1910.

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#### BENJAMIN SANDERSON.

It is with a great degree of satisfaction that reference is made to the life of one who has made a success in any vocation requiring definiteness of purpose and determined action. Such a life, whether it be one of prosaic endeavor or radical accomplishment, abounds in valuable lesson and incentive to those who have become discouraged in the fight for recognition or to the youth whose future is undetermined. For many years Benjamin Sanderson, of Richland township, Jasper county, directed his efforts toward the goal of success in the great arena of agriculture, and by patient continuance had won. But we are not surprised at this when we consider the fact that he was of sterling New England stock; that he had been persistent and self-reliant, and that his every relation with his fellowmen had been characterized by honesty.

Mr. Sanderson was born in Middlesex county, Massachusetts, June 10, 1832, the son of Abner and Sally (Sanderson) Sanderson, both natives of Massachusetts, but not related. The paternal grandfather, also named Abner Sanderson, was a well known Puritan and a prominent man in his town. The maternal grandfather, Nathan Sanderson, was also influential in his community, and a blacksmith by trade. The father of the subject of this sketch devoted his life to farming near Waltham, Massachusetts. His family consisted of nine children, all now deceased. The parents are also deceased. They were excellent people.

Benjamin Sanderson was educated in the common schools of his native community and reared on the home farm, where he worked during the summer time when a boy. At the age of twenty years, in 1852, he moved to Ohio, but returned to Massachusetts, then a year later he went to Kansas, and in 1856 moved to Minnesota, located at Minneapolis and spent eight years in all in that country. It was during his residence in the Gopher state, that

the great Civil war came on, and on October 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Third Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with much credit until discharged for disability as the result of wounds received on the expedition of Generals Banks and Steele, having been twice wounded, once so severely that he was left on the field for dead. According to his comrades he was a brave and efficient soldier. Returning to Minnesota, he lived in that state until 1868, and there he was married in 1866. He came to Jasper county, Iowa, and located on eighty acres where he lived until his death, having worked hard, managed well and consequently, at time of his death, he was very comfortably established, owning two hundred and eighty acres of rich, desirable land in Richland township. On this he had placed modern and extensive improvements of all kinds and carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, but for a number of years he had been practically retired, merely overseeing his farm. Politically, he was a Republican, and he had been township trustee.

On March 15, 1866, Mr. Sanderson was united in marriage with Catherine McKay, a native of Waterloo county, Ontario, and the daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Calder) McKay, the father a native of New York and the mother of Scotland. They were married in Canada about 1835 and in 1855 moved to Minnesota and there spent the balance of their lives. Mr. McKay devoted his life to farming.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, namely: Sarah Jeannette, who married D. A. Brooke, lives next to the old homestead; Benjamin died when six months old. On September 14, 1911, at the old homestead, surrounded by family and friends, Mr. Sanderson passed to the great beyond, loved, honored and respected by all who knew him.

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#### JOSEPH A. BURNHAM.

By a life of persistent and well applied industry, led along the most honorable lines, the gentleman whose name appears above has justly earned the right to be represented in a work of the character of the one at hand, along with the other men of Jasper county who have made their influence felt in their respective communities.

Joseph A. Burnham, farmer, of Richland township, has spent his life in this locality and has been successful in his chosen life work, for he has not been afraid to apply himself to the daily tasks he has found awaiting him.

He was born in Lynn Grove township, December 20, 1867, the son of Abraham and Margaret (Northcutt) Burnham. His maternal grandparents, Hezekiah and Sarah Northcutt, were natives of Kentucky, who later in life moved to Illinois and in the latter state the mother of the subject was born. The family moved to Iowa about 1855 and located in Lynn Grove township, Jasper county, on a place now known as the Briggs farm. This they developed and finally sold and built a mill, and later moved north of the town of Sully and there spent their last days, but died at the home of the subject's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Burnham, mentioned above, grew up and married in this locality, and began farming when the country was still primitive and improvements were neither many nor extensive. By hard work and good management they established a good home and owned a productive farm. Politically, the father was a Republican, took considerable interest in local affairs and held several township offices. He is now living retired at Lynnville; his wife passed away in 1907. He is one of our worthy pioneers and has led a useful and honest life. His family consisted of three children, named as follows: Joseph A., of this review; Meretha and Edith.

Abraham Burnham is a veteran of the great Civil war, in which he fought gallantly as a member of Company K, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he saw some hard service, covering the major part of the struggle. He was in many hard-fought engagements and trying campaigns, being finally discharged for disability, in fact, he has never completely recovered from the effects of his army life, his health having been permanently shattered, but he has never regretted his services to his country.

Joseph A. Burnham, of this sketch, was educated in the common schools and the Lynnville high school. He lived on the farm until he was seventeen years of age, then, in order to get a start in life, he worked out by the month, and was in the employ of Charles Johnson for a period of fourteen years. He saved his money and in 1899 bought a farm of sixty-three acres adjoining the corporation limits of Lynnville. He soon had this under excellent improvements, erecting a good dwelling, barn, fences, etc. He remained there but a year and a half when he traded this place to Joe Horn for one hundred and twenty acres in Richland township and lived there three years, when he sold out and bought eighty acres in another part of that township, two miles northwest of Lynnville. Here he built a good house, barn and made other improvements, and there engaged in general farming and stock raising, preparing large numbers of cattle and hogs for the market. Also dealt in real estate to some extent, in fact, he has not given up this side line, but still does some trading.

Politically, Mr. Burnham is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for offices. He belongs to the old Methodist Protestant church at Sully.

Mr. Burnham was married on August 12, 1899, to Daisy Sparks, daughter of John B. Sparks, a highly respected citizen of Lynnville. One child has been born to the subject and wife, Vada, now one and one-half years old.

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#### GEORGE W. HITCHLER.

One of the successful men of Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, is George W. Hitchler, whose long residence here has shown him to be a man of courage, self-reliance and of the utmost integrity of purpose, as a result of which he has, during his entire life, stood high in the estimation of his neighbors and friends and is therefore deserving of a place in this book.

Mr. Hitchler was born in Sherman township, this county (but the vicinity in which his birth occurred is now a part of Mound Prairie township), March 6, 1859. He is the son of William Hitchler, who was born in Germany in 1810 and there he was reared and, when a boy, worked in his father's vineyard near the town of Rhodt, along the picturesque and famous river Rhine. Emigrating to America when twenty-one years of age, he found employment as a fireman on one of the first steamers on Lake Michigan. Then he returned to New York, in which state he had spent some time after landing here, and he worked in a lumber camp near Buffalo for quite a while. He was then married to Nancy Miller, who was born in the state of New York on May 2, 1829.

After his marriage William Hitchler went to Illinois, locating in Kendall county, where he rented land. In 1845 he drove from Rock Island to Jasper county, Iowa, and took up one hundred and sixty acres from the government. The country was a wild prairie and he was one of the earliest settlers there. In later years he has a fine farm and good home as a result of his close application to his place. He built a good house and barn, but in 1866 a Rock Island engine, that road having just been completed, set the prairie on fire, and Mr. Hitchler's farm was burned over, his home, outbuildings, grain, etc., having been destroyed. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Their family consisted of eleven children, of whom George W., of this review, was the sixth in order of birth.

George W. Hitchler is one of the oldest native-born residents of Mound Prairie township, being now fifty-three years old. He grew up amid pioneer

conditions and consequently had to work hard when a boy, with little chance to get an education; however, he went to school during the short winter terms where the town of Metz now stands. He remained on the home farm until his marriage, then he rented the farm he now owns, finally buying one hundred acres, to which he has since added fifty acres, which he has placed under a high state of improvement and cultivation. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and he has a pleasant home. Politically, he is a Republican, and he has been township trustee and school director. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

On September 18, 1882, Mr. Hitchler was married to Lyda Benskin, who was born in Richland county, Illinois, the daughter of Wesley Benskin, an Illinois farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Hitchler the following children have been born: Mrs. Maud Pentico and Mrs. May Walker, twins; Mrs. Viola McQuown, John, Pearl, Lola.

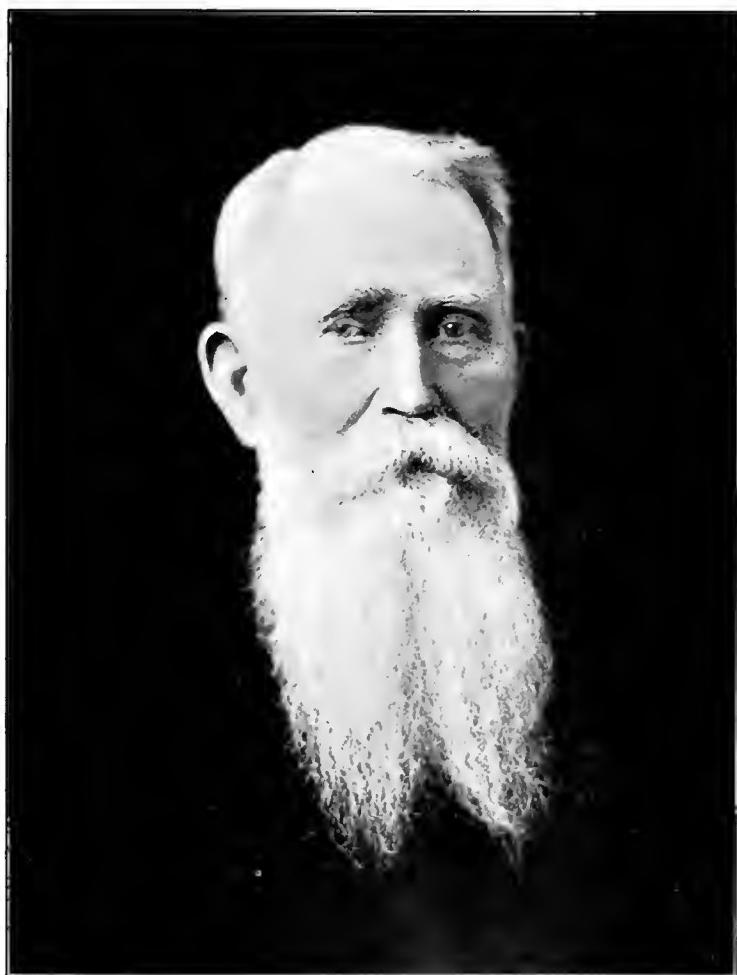
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#### REV. ELIJAH S. BROWN,

The good done by such a life as that led by Rev. Elijah S. Brown cannot be estimated for such a light as his example has been "shines more and more unto the perfect day," and it is entirely consonant that in this work be included at least a brief resume of his long, active and eminently useful life work. He is a man who has sought to do his full duty in all the relations of life, without thought of reward or the praise of his fellow men, contented merely to feel that he is doing the will of the lowly Nazarene.

Rev. Mr. Brown, now living retired in Jasper county, is known and beloved not only in this locality but throughout the state as well. His has been a remarkable career, without a parallel, perhaps, in that for forty years without a break he did not take a day's vacation, nor was he incapacitated by sickness. Forty years does not cover the full period of his ministry. He has been a most zealous worker in his chosen field and has nobly earned the respite which he now enjoys, leading a retired life with his faithful wife beside him, who has with fortitude and fidelity shared his labors and trials during his long career in the service of the Master.

Rev. Elijah S. Brown was born March 29, 1834, in Brown county, Illinois, being the son of James T. and Nancy (Harrell) Brown, the mother having been born in Adair county, Kentucky, and the father was born in Botetourt county, Virginia. When a young man he left his native state, going to Kentucky where he engaged in farming, and there he married, continuing to



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reside there until 1825, when, with his family, he moved to Illinois where he entered a quarter section of land from the government, in Brown county. Selling his farm in 1848, he brought his family to Davis county, Iowa, buying a section of land ten miles from Bloomfield, the county seat, paying for the same only one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. This was done by means of land warrants which the United States government had granted to the soldiers of the Mexican war. Here the family home was maintained until 1874, in April of which year the death of the father occurred, at the age of seventy-two years, his wife having preceded him to the great beyond five months before, in November, 1873. She was seventy-four years old. They had established a good home and developed an excellent farm and were prominent among the pioneers of that locality, highly honored and influential in local affairs. Their family consisted of nine children, namely: P. E., who resided in Kansas at the time of his death, left a large family; Mary, who married Z. B. Rooker, died leaving three children; W. B., who was a soldier in the Civil war, died in Mississippi; C. H. died in Harrison county, Missouri, leaving a large family; J. P. lives in Chicago, where he is extensively engaged in contracting; he was a soldier in the Civil war; Sarah is the wife of John Ressler and died in Davis county; W. W. is a farmer and lives in Barton county, Missouri; S. M., who was a soldier in the Civil war, is living in Ottumwa, Iowa, and Elijah S., of this sketch.

Rev. Elijah S. Brown, who was the fifth child in order of birth in his father's family, received his early education in the country schools and he remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, assisting with the general work about the farm. On December 23, 1855, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth E. Conaway, who was the daughter of Aquilla and Margaret (Barr) Conaway, and she was born November 20, 1834, in Vermilion county, Illinois. Her father was a native of Maryland and her mother of Pennsylvania. This family moved to Davis county, Iowa, in the year 1838, being among the first settlers there. This family consisted of twelve children, namely: Richard, died in Missouri; Malinda, wife of David Bish, died in Davis county; Joseph, who was a soldier in the Union army, died in the service near Helena, Arkansas; William died in Davis county, Iowa; America married Joseph Bish, of Davis county; Eliza A. married John Lee, of Davis county; Amanda is the wife of James Brown; John died in Missouri; Sarah J. died in infancy; Nancy married Isaiah Starkey; Fanny married Will Doyle, of Unionville, Missouri; Elizabeth, wife of the subject. The father of these children was a large land owner, a substantial and influential citizen of Davis county.

Until he was twenty-six years of age Rev. Elijah S. Brown engaged in farming during the summer months and teaching school in the winter time; he also preached in a local way. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Protestant church in 1862, and from that time until he retired in 1900 he was engaged in pastoral work continuously, becoming one of the notable men of his day and generation in the work of the gospel in Iowa. He did considerable circuit work, the places on the circuits where he preached being Drakeville, in Davis county; Montezuma, Millersburg, Osceola, Attica, Milton, Jessup, Newton, Ohio Station in Iowa county; Marne in Cass county; Downey in Cedar county. He was stationed at Osceola, Newton and Bussey in Marion county. In each of these places he did a great work, strengthening the church in a general way and building up the congregations. He was president of the Iowa conference of his church for thirteen years, filling this high office in a manner that reflected much credit upon his ability and fidelity and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, proving himself to be a good organizer and financier, a trustworthy and conscientious servant of the people and a learned and eloquent exponent of the divine word. Fraternally, Rev. Mr. Brown has been a Mason since 1866.

In 1881 Mr. Brown purchased the property where he now resides, owning a very choice place of thirteen acres which adjoins the east corporation line of the city of Newton. He has valuable and highly productive land and a substantial and comfortable home, where, surrounded by his books and all the comforts of life, he is spending his declining years in peace, with no compunction for the past and no fear for the future. In July, 1911, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the subject by the Kansas City University.

His home has been blessed by the birth of four children, namely: Mary, who was born on July 15, 1857, married John Norris, of Newton, and they are the parents of seven children; Martha Brown, born in June, 1860, died when nine years old; Sadie, who was born in September, 1862, married Henry Russell; they are the parents of two children and they are living in Willows, California; C. S., born in October, 1868, is a lumberman at Atlantic, Iowa, where he is connected with the W. T. Joyce Lumber Company; he and his wife are the parents of two children.

The Brown family is of English and Irish ancestry, and Mrs. Brown is of Irish and Welsh descent. No family in Jasper county is better or more favorably known than this, or is more deserving of the high esteem in which it is held.

## MASON C. OGG.

One of the successful young farmers of Fairview township, Jasper county, who has won the confidence and respect of his neighbors, while advancing his own interests in a material way, and with the excellent start he has the future augurs much for his success as an agriculturist and stock raiser.

Mr. Ogg was born in Fairview township, this county, December 10, 1879. He is the son of William Marshall Ogg and Harriet Elizabeth (Churchill) Ogg, the father born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1849, and the mother was born in Wisconsin in 1851. The paternal grandparents, George and Lida (Rush) Ogg, were natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, the former born March 18, 1811, and the latter on June 2, 1820. They were married May 11, 1845. George Ogg was a blacksmith by trade and he always kept a shop in connection with his farm. About 1861 he brought his family from Pennsylvania to Allamakee county, Iowa, and there bought a farm. Remaining there until 1874, he moved with his family to Jasper county and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Fairview township. The death of George Ogg occurred on April 13, 1875, his widow surviving many years, reaching an advanced age, her death occurring on December 29, 1899.

William M. Ogg, father of the subject, bought one hundred and twenty acres of the old homestead, to which he later added eighty acres more and in due course of time became well established. He and his family are members of the Baptist church, and in politics he votes the Republican ticket.

William M. Ogg was married on February 20, 1873, to Harriet E. Churchill, and to this union five children have been born: Mason C., of this sketch, and Ethel, who is at home, are the only ones living. Lyda died when about five years old; Wallace E. died when about eighteen years of age; Elmer E. died when about fourteen years of age. In order to give his children proper educational advantages, Mr. Ogg moved with his family to Des Moines, where he still lives, retired from active life.

Mason C. Ogg grew up on the home farm and assisted with the general work about the place when a boy. He had the advantages of good educational training. He attended the Capital Prairie district school, Jasper county. He was fourteen years old when the family moved to Des Moines and there he entered the public schools, later attending the Baptist College in that city, where he made an excellent record and from which he was graduated in 1901. He turned his attention to farming after leaving school, beginning

renting his father's farm of two hundred acres in Fairview township, Jasper county, and here he has remained, keeping the place well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has met with encouraging success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He makes a specialty of raising full blood Hereford cattle. Politically, he is a Republican and he has served as township trustee. Religiously, he belongs to the Baptist church.

Mr. Ogg was married on January 1, 1903, to Olive E. Woodard, who was born in Osage, Iowa, the daughter of Otis P. Woodard, who is engaged in the insurance business there. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ogg, Helen Sawyer and Wallace Almon.

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#### AUGUST C. SCHUMANN.

Endowed with a liberal share of good common sense and possessing sound judgment, backed by a well founded purpose to succeed, August C. Schumann, farmer, of Mariposa township, Jasper county, has labored with the object primarily in view of making a good home for himself and family and acquiring a competency for his declining years. This laudable desire is being realized, and he is in what we sometimes call "easy circumstances," with a sufficient surplus for the proverbial "rainy day," which sooner or later comes to every individual, and which, when not provided for results in at least much inconvenience and unhappiness if not downright suffering. It is perhaps possible for every ablebodied young man to prepare against such a time, but some, instead of doing so, trust to luck, which is an elusive and capricious thing, and so, believing in the optimism of the future, they spend all on the present. Mr. Schumann, it seems, has been wiser and his prudence has urged him to pursue a different course, which, all contemplative minds will agree, is the wiser, and therefore his example and that of his worthy father before him as well, are to be commended to the younger readers of this work whose destinies are yet matters for future years to determine and who are hesitating at the parting of the ways, apparently unable to determine which course it were better to pursue.

Mr. Schumann was born in Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa, on May 10, 1868. He is the son of Peter Chris Schumann and Christina R. (Schaefer) Schumann, the father born in Roden, duchy of Waldeck, Germany, on December 18, 1823, and the mother was born in the city of Goeppingen in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, on January 28, 1838. Peter

C. Schumann grew up in Germany and there received his education and learned the wagonmaker's trade, which he followed with much success. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Henrietta Mueller, and in 1856 they emigrated to the United States, the trip being a tedious one, as such trips went in those days of slow-sailing vessels and few railroads. They came on to Muscatine county, Iowa, and there decided to make their future home, consequently renting a farm, but in 1859 he moved to Scott county, this state, and there his wife died. In September, 1867, Mr. Schumann moved to Jasper county, and on October 3d of that year he was united in marriage with Christina R. Schaefer, mother of the subject. She was the mother of one son, Otto F., who has since borne the name of Schumann.

Upon arriving in Jasper county, Peter C. Schumann purchased eighty acres of land in section 29, Mariposa township. Here he at once began to prosper for he had found a favorable locality and he added to his original purchase from time to time until he became the owner of four hundred and forty acres, one hundred and twenty acres of which was in Marshall county. It was all valuable and desirable land and he farmed on an extensive scale, keeping his land well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. He became one of the leading agriculturists in his community and was well known and influential, always evincing his desire to see the same grow and aiding in its progress in every way possible. Politically, he was a Democrat and he served his district as school director. He was baptized, confirmed and reared in the Lutheran church, from whose faith he did not depart, liberally supporting the congregation in his vicinity. His second wife, the mother of the subject, passed to her reward on April 22, 1885, and the elder Schumann was again married, his last wife, who still lives, being Barbara Werner.

To Peter C. Schumann and his second wife were born the following children: August C., of this sketch, is the eldest; Gustav is living at Albion, Iowa; Mrs. Amelia Garregan lives in Grinnell, Iowa; Albert is a resident of Marshall county; Christian is living in North Dakota. Fred Schumann was born to Peter C. Schumann and his third wife. In 1903 the father of the subject moved to Laurel, Iowa, and retired from active life, and there his death occurred on February 18, 1906.

August C. Schumann grew up on the farm and assisted with the general work about the place and he has made this his life work. He had the advantages of a good common school education, having attended the schools of districts Nos. 1 and 4, Mariposa township, Jasper county. He was only nine years old when he began driving a team for his father on the farm, and when twenty-two years old he worked by the month for a year, then rented a farm

for four years and thereby got a start. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Mariposa township where he still resides. This he has greatly improved and kept well tilled, so that it ranks with the best in the community. In connection with general farming he raises some good live stock of various grades. In 1906 he erected an attractive, commodious and convenient dwelling, substantial barns and other convenient buildings. Everything about his place denotes thrift and good management.

Politically, Mr. Schumann is a Democrat and he has long manifested an abiding interest in the affairs of his township and county. He has served his community as township clerk for two terms.

Mr. Schumann was married on December 17, 1890, to May E. Lanz, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on March 11, 1873, the daughter of Herman and Hattie (Gettings) Lanz, who came to Jasper county from Scott county. Mrs. Schumann's father was of German descent, while her mother was of English extraction. To the subject and wife have been born three children, namely: Lee H., born March 25, 1892; Verne, born April 1, 1897, died March 23, 1909; Mamie, born December 31, 1900.

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#### JOHN M. WOODY.

One of the thrifty farmers of Fairview township, Jasper county, is John M. Woody, who has won a reputation as a man of excellent judgment and progressive ideas, which accounts for his continued success in his chosen line of endeavor. Being careful in his calculations, resourceful in his dealings and eminently honorable in his relations with others, people have always reposed confidence in him.

Mr. Woody was born in Marion county, Iowa, January 2, 1866. He is the son of William H. and Jennie E. (Day) Woody, both natives of Lawrence county, Indiana, the father born on July 11, 1834, and the mother in September, 1840. They grew up, were educated and married in their native county. In early life the father learned the carpenter's trade. In 1849 he came to Iowa with his parents, John, Sr., and Mary Woody, and settled on a farm southeast of Monroe. The father of the subject returned to Indiana when twenty-three years old and married, but lived there only a short time, when he brought his young wife to Jasper county, Iowa. Here he worked at the carpenter's trade for some time, finally buying eighty acres in Marion county, southeast of Monroe. He subsequently added to his place until he

owned one hundred and sixty acres. In 1898 he moved to Monroe, after a successful life as a farmer, and retired from work, and there he and his wife still reside. He is a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. He reared a large family, five sons and eight daughters, of whom John M., of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth and the only son that lived.

John M. Woody attended the Pleasant View district schools in Marion county. When he was twenty-one years old he began renting land and in 1890 he bought three hundred and thirty-three acres on the Skunk river in Fairview township. Here he has built a large and attractive residence, good outbuildings and kept his fine farm well improved and under a high state of cultivation and as a general farmer and stock raiser he ranks with the best of the township. He makes a specialty of full blood short-horn cattle. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has not attempted to be a leader in public matters.

Mr. Woody was married January 1, 1890, to Anna L. Byers, who was born on the place where they now live, on December 2, 1866, the daughter of Thomas L. Byers. To the subject and wife the following children have been born: Olive B., Amor L., Percy H. and Mark M.

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#### WILLIAM J. MARSHALL.

A successful farmer and public-spirited citizen of Fairview township, Jasper county, is William J. Marshall, a man who is eminently deserving of the success that has attended his efforts in view of the fact that he has worked long and hard for the same. He grew up amid pioneer conditions and has been content to spend his life here at home, believing that here were to be found as good opportunities as anywhere for the man who desired to follow tilling the soil as a livelihood.

Mr. Marshall was born in the township where he still resides on August 31, 1868. He is the son of Robert Marshall, an extended mention of whom is to be found in another part of this volume in the sketch of G. F. Marshall.

William J. Marshall grew up on the home farm and there he began working about the place when but a small boy. He attended, during the winter months, the district school at Cottage Grove. He remained with his father until he became of age. When his twenty-first birthday arrived he began renting land—the home place—and soon had a start, for he worked hard and was economical. In the fall of 1902 he bought one hundred and

twenty acres three and one-half miles west of Monroe and there he lived for four years, then bought the home farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres, and soon moved thereto. He has kept the place well improved and well tilled and has made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has a fine home and is very comfortably situated.

Politically, Mr. Marshall is a Democrat, and he is at present school director in his district.

On September 25, 1889, Mr. Marshall was married to Ellen Lillian Crane, a native of Monroe, Iowa. She is the daughter of Edward Crane, a native of Ireland, who ran away from home when a boy and crossed the Atlantic to New Orleans, and finally came to Iowa. Two sons have been born to the subject and wife, Roy Meek Marshall and Burton Lee Marshall.

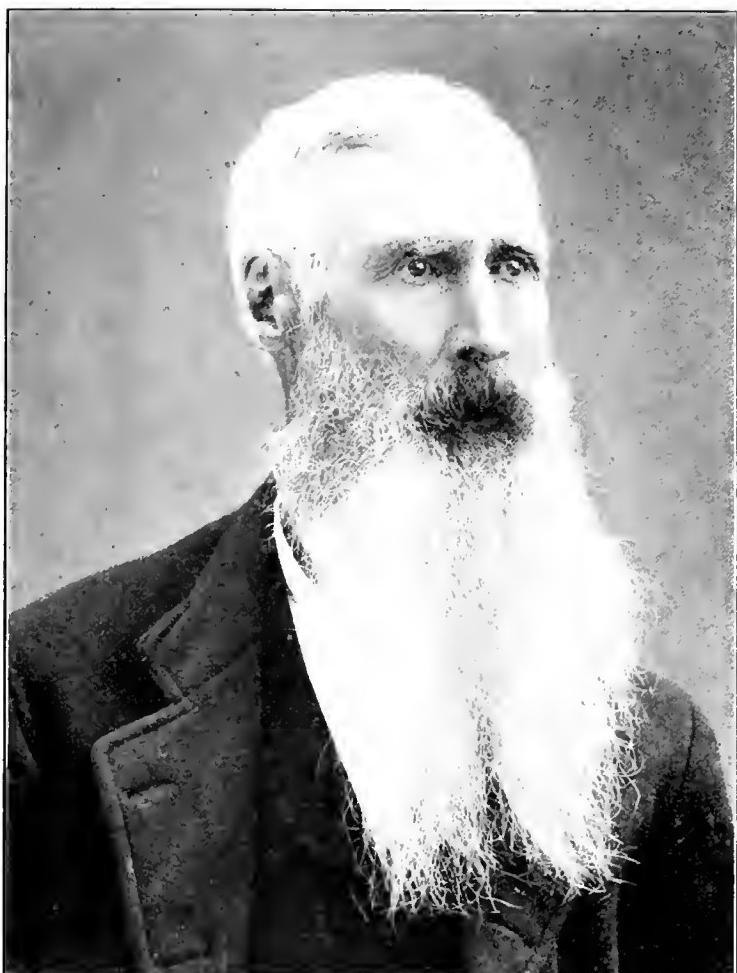
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#### DAVID W. CHURCH.

Few men of a past generation in Jasper county did more for the general good of the same than the late David W. Church, a man whom to know was to admire and respect, for he was the possessor of that peculiar combination of attributes which results in the attainment of much that is worth while in this world. He aimed to be progressive in what he did, was always in sympathy with enterprises having for their object the common good, and his influence was invariably exerted on the right side of every moral issue. Like all men of positive character and independence of mind, he was outspoken in what he considered right, and his convictions were such that his neighbors and fellow citizens knew well his position on all questions of a political, moral and religious nature. His private life was exemplary and his amiable traits of character and many virtues made him widely popular.

Mr. Church was born in Covington, Wyoming county, New York, June 3, 1810, and died March 20, 1907. He was the son of Timothy and Hannah Church, the former born February 17, 1793, and died November 4, 1859; the latter, born September 10, 1790, died July 20, 1845. They were married July 29, 1818, and were among the old settlers of that county, the father having been a native of New Hampshire, and the mother was born in New York state. Children were born to them, named as follows: David W. of this review; John, Hannah D., Joseph, Jessie, Lizzie, Elizabeth, Agustius, one who died in infancy.

When David W. Church was fourteen years old his parents moved to Michigan, locating on a farm not far from Detroit; later when the father



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retired from active life he moved back to Wyoming county, New York, where he and his wife remained until their deaths.

The subject received an excellent education in the schools of New York and Michigan. Turning his attention to the legal profession while yet young, he attended a law school in the last named state and was graduated in that branch in September, 1855. He met and married Eliza Parker while in Adrian, Michigan. She was the widow of John Parker, deceased, of that place, and she was the daughter of John Reynolds, who was born in France, and Stauchies Lebiga, who was born in Canada. They were among the old settlers of Canada across from Port Huron, and became well-known and well-established there.

The year following their marriage David W. Church and wife came to Jasper county, Iowa, locating in Newton in 1856, and to this union two children were born: Robert F. B., now deceased, married Ella Gilmore; Joanna Church married Ebenezer Wright, of Sycamore, Illinois, and to them one daughter was born, Edna, who is now married to Arthur Linden, of Chicago. The father being deceased, the mother is making her home with her mother just north of Newton.

David W. Church proved his patriotism by offering his services in defense of his country, enlisting on the 20th day of August, 1861, in Company I, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he served very faithfully and gallantly for over four years. After receiving an honorable discharge on the 21st day of November, 1864, he returned to Newton, Iowa, where he remained until his death, March 29, 1907, at the home where his widow still resides. He was always prominent in political affairs, and when a young man he voted the Democratic ticket, but in later years he was a Republican; however, he finally returned to Democracy before his death. For a number of years he very ably and acceptably served as marshal of the city of Newton and he was also constable. He was an active and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He did much for the upbuilding of Newton, always being ready to assist in any manner possible the general progress of the town. As an attorney he won wide distinction, being well-grounded in the law, and he was earnest, painstaking and untiring. He kept well abreast of the times not only in his chosen life work but in all matters of public, scientific and universal import, and he was a well-read, scholarly man, a brilliant conversationalist and a man worthy of the confidence and high esteem which all who came into contact with him freely accorded. He was also a graduate in medicine of Michigan University and practiced in early life, but after coming to Iowa he never practiced medicine, but gave his attention to law.

## DAVID H. CRAVEN.

One of the most active, thoroughgoing and enterprising farmers of Mariposa township, Jasper county, is David H. Craven, whose success lies very largely in the fact that he has always advocated doing well whatever task presented itself and in not permitting the numerous paltry obstacles met in the pathway of everyone to annoy or thwart him. He believes in pushing ahead, employing twentieth-century ideas and methods in all phases of agricultural work and in dealing with his neighbors and acquaintances in a manner that will inspire confidence. He does not want a man's dollar if thereby he makes an enemy. Such men prove to be good citizens, good neighbors and good friends and are indispensable to any community.

Mr. Craven was born in this county and township, on the farm where he now has the good fortune to reside, for it is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to be able to spend one's life on the homestead. His birth occurred here on July 10, 1869. He is the son of David P. and Julia E. (Bennett) Craven, the father born at Ontario, Wayne county, New York, on October 17, 1841, and the latter in the same state on June 15, 1844. There they grew to maturity, received such education in the public schools as the times afforded and upon reaching maturity were married. They emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, from their native state in 1864, believing that the newer country of the middle West would afford them better opportunities for home building, and they accordingly established themselves in Mariposa township, the father later buying forty acres of the government at two dollars and twenty-five cents per acre. He subsequently purchased one hundred and sixty acres, and, prospering through years of hard endeavor and good management, he finally became the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Hickory Grove and Mariposa townships. He became one of the leading farmers and influential citizens of his community and served his township as assessor, trustee and clerk in a most acceptable manner. He was loyal to Democratic principles. He played no inconspicuous part in the upbuilding of this locality, both in a material and civic manner and he was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

To David P. Craven and wife five sons and three daughters were born, named as follows: James E.; David H., of this review; John R. is living in Kellogg, this county; Thurman P., Galen G., Mrs. Beatrice G. Pratt and Mrs. Mary Parmar, all live in the state of New York; Mrs. Martha McCarthy lives in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

David H. Craven of this review began driving a team when ten years of age. Being the son of a pioneer, his boyhood days saw much hard work and little play. He found time, however, in the brief winter months to attend the Barrett district school. When twenty-one years of age he began renting the home place and here he has been engaged in general farming and stock raising ever since, having subsequently purchased four hundred and twenty-five acres of the same. He is also the owner of three hundred and thirty-six acres south of the home farm. He has placed all this land under excellent improvements and keeps his fields well cultivated, using up-to-date machinery. He has long been a large stock raiser, feeder and general stock man, turning large numbers of cattle and hogs from his feed lots annually, no small part of his income being derived from this source. He has a substantial and convenient home and large, well-arranged outbuildings; in fact, everything about his place denotes good management, thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Craven's father moved back to the state of New York in the year 1892 and he owns three valuable farms there, but is now living retired in the city of Ontario. Politically, Mr. Craven is a Democrat and he has served as township clerk.

Mr. Craven was married on January 10, 1906, to Jennie Nichols, a native of Scotland, the daughter of Robert Nichols and wife, and to this union three children have been born, Helen G., Grace Edna and Mary Evelyn.

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#### EDWARD C. ALTEMEIER.

In all that constitutes true manhood and good citizenship Edward C. Altemeier, farmer, of Mariposa township, Jasper county, is one of the conspicuous examples among our young native men and none stands higher than he in the esteem and confidence of the community. His career has been characterized by duty faithfully done and by industry, thrift and wisely directed efforts he has acquired a valuable farm and is receiving his just share of this world's goods, besides earning a reputation which he has never clouded by the commission of a single unworthy act so far as his neighbors and those who have been closely associated with him have discovered. He is known to be a man of good judgment and pronounced views and while keeping himself informed upon current events and taking a lively interest in all public affairs of his township and county he has never expressed so much as the faintest desire to exchange the quiet and content life on the cozy farm for the distractions and cares which usually come to the man who fills official positions and

aspires to some exalted station among their fellow men. He is to be commended in this attitude, for such as he constitute our best citizens.

Mr. Altemeier was born in Mariposa township, Jasper county, on March 21, 1881. He is the son of Adolph and Wilhelmina (Klopping) Altemeier, the father born in the town of Horn, province of Lippe, Germany, on December 24, 1837, and the mother was born in the town of Detmold, province of Lippe, Germany. There the father grew up and as a boy engaged in farm work. In 1855 he came to Freeport, Illinois, where his brother Simon and sister Louise had previously located, they having emigrated from Germany to New Jersey in 1852, coming to Illinois the following year. Simon Altemeier is now living in Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa. It was in 1857 that Adolph Altemeier, Sr., came to Newton, Iowa, and there he worked for some time in a brick yard, then began renting land five miles east of Newton. He then went to Spirit Lake, this state, and took up a claim in that wild, unsettled country and at the Indian uprising he was compelled to give up his land and return to Jasper county. In 1860 he bought forty acres in Malaka township. Selling this a few years later, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Mariposa township, this county, and here he prospered, adding to his farm until he became the owner of five hundred acres of valuable land. He farmed on a large scale and became one of the substantial and well known men of this community. He served his township as trustee and assessor, also serving on the township board. He and his wife were members of the German Evangelical church. His death occurred on October 10, 1886, after a successful and well spent life. The mother of the subject of this sketch came to America when she was nine years of age, in 1850, locating at Freeport, Illinois, where she spent four or five years with neighbors who had settled there from her old locality in Germany. Her parents died when she was a small child. She came to Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, about 1856 and worked in the home of Colonel Curzad for several years, then married Mr. Altemeier. Since his death she has lived principally in Newton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Altemeier were born nine children, named as follows: Adolph G., Jr.; Mary, deceased; Mrs. Lottie Rathelson, deceased; William J. is farming in Mariposa township; Mrs. Minnie Werman, Mrs. Anna Wiesman, Louis, Edward C., of this review, and Fred.

Edward C. Altemeier spent his boyhood on the farm and assisted with the general work there, attending the district schools between crop seasons. When he was twenty-one years of age he began farming, renting land of his mother, the father having previously died, when the subject was five years of age. It was in 1906 that the subject began renting the farm of one hundred

and sixty acres where he now lives, this land having belonged to his mother. He has met with success as a general farmer and stock raiser, paying special attention to raising Hereford cattle. In 1910 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres just southeast of where he now lives. Politically, he is a Democrat, but is not, as already intimated, a public man.

On December 6, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Edward C. Altemeier and Sarah Davis Banghart, who was born in Mariposa township, this county, December 27, 1883, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is the daughter of Thomas Banghart, a highly respected citizen. Two children have been born to the subject and wife. Leroy Edward and Virgil.

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#### ANDREW D. JENNSMA

No class of emigrants who reach our shores from the kingdoms and republics of Europe show a greater aptitude in adapting themselves to our peculiar institutions than those who come from Holland, and while they find many things different from what they had been accustomed to, they, in due course of time, become familiar with our political methods and customs and appreciate the advantages which are offered by our laws. The result is that they are at once contented and straightway proceed to make the most of their new surroundings. After their home is established and they have attained some degree of comfort, they look around and soon take a hearty and intelligent interest in our form of government and prevailing institutions. One of the best known and most successful of the colony of Hollanders who have favored Jasper county by casting their lots with us is Andrew D. Jensma, a progressive young farmer of Mound Prairie township.

Mr. Jensma was born in Holland on July 2, 1880, and he is the son of Johannas and Sarah (Bierma) Jensma, both born in Holland, and there they grew up and were married and there the father operated a large farm, which he rented. His death occurred in 1888. His family consisted of five sons and two daughters, namely: James, John, Levi, Andrew D., Peter, Anna and Sarah.

All these children and their mother emigrated to America after the father's death and settled in Marion county, Iowa, near Monroe. The year following their arrival there they rented a farm in Fairview township, Jasper county, and here they became very comfortably fixed.

Andrew D. Jensma attended school both in Holland and in America, and, applying himself very carefully, made rapid progress. He remained with his

mother until he was of legal age, then started in life for himself by renting land. He saved his earnings and in 1900 bought an excellent farm of three hundred and twenty acres, known as the old D. C. Gifford farm, known at present as the "Bear Grove Stock Farm." Here he is making a pronounced success as a general farmer and stock raiser, and he feeds a large number of cattle and hogs annually. He is gradually bringing his place up to a high standard of improvement and cultivation, and he has a pleasant dwelling and substantial outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Jensma is a Republican, but has not sought public recognition, merely exercising his rights of citizenship in a manner which appeals to him as being right under approved and established standards.

On April 12, 1905, Mr. Jensma was united in marriage with Maud Roberts, daughter of W. Edward Roberts, an early settler in Jasper county and a highly respected citizen. Two interesting children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jensma, Edward and Freddie.

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#### WILLIAM O. LIVINGSTON.

An enumeration of those men who have won honor and public recognition for themselves and at the same time have honored the locality where they belong, would be incomplete were there failure to make specific mention of the progressive and public spirited citizen whose name forms the caption of this sketch. A life of earnest and persistent endeavor has placed Mr. Livingston in comfortable circumstances and his career has been so ordered as to win the earnest esteem of all who know him.

William O. Livingston, one of Jasper county's extensive land owners and able public officials, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, May 1, 1851, and he is the son of Charles M. and Nancy D. (Bruce) Livingston, his father being a native of the state of New York and his mother of Virginia, there being hardy Scotch ancestors on both sides of the house, and many of their strong characteristics have outcropped in the subject. The father was a farmer and carpenter of the old school. He was one of those men, rarely seen nowadays, who could go into the woods, with an adze, broad-axe and a few simple tools familiar to the pioneers, and hew out and build a house complete. He was an all-around mechanic. He was married in Ohio, to which state the parents of himself and wife had emigrated from their respective states in an early day, and there Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Livingston made their

home for twenty-three years. In 1856 the father of the subject and his parents came to Iowa, settling on two hundred and sixteen acres of fine land near Monroe, in the edge of Marion county. Here they established a good home, became influential among the pioneer element, and as they prospered the father added to his original holdings until he had a farm of three hundred and thirty-six acres. But this family had been preceded here by Thomas and John Livingston, brothers of Charles M., who located in Jasper county.

William O. Livingston is one of a family of six children, two of whom are deceased; Thomas died when a child in Ohio; Anna E. married Judge Prouty, and died in Pella; Mrs. G. W. Hill lives at Long Beach, California; Mrs. Edward J. Currier lives in Grand Junction, Colorado; Charles B. lives on the home farm near Monroe, Iowa; William O. of this review. The father of these children died in 1892 as a result of a runaway accident, being then seventy-seven years of age. He was preceded to the grave by his wife some three years, she being seventy-two years old. They were both teachers in early life, and all through life took an abiding interest in all educational matters; they were high-minded, hospitable, obliging and good people in every respect.

When twenty-one years of age, the son, William O., began working for himself, remaining on the home farm until he was twenty-eight years old. Then he left the homestead and moved over into Jasper county, buying a place near Monroe, and he moved thereto in 1882 and has resided here ever since, with the exception of considerable time spent on western trips. This farm originally consisted of one hundred and sixty acres. It was a fine farm and very productive, and, under Mr. Livingston's able management, brought ample rewards for the labor expended upon it. By exceptionally good management, close application and honest effort Mr. Livingston has added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of eight hundred and sixty-nine acres of as valuable and desirable land as this locality affords. In addition to his extensive farming interests he has long engaged extensively in stock raising, being an excellent judge of all kinds of live stock, and no small part of his annual income has been derived from this source. He has kept his land well improved and well tilled. He has a beautiful, modern and neatly kept home and many substantial and convenient outbuildings. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Monroe, and he has been very successful in a financial way. For the past five years he has led a more or less retired life.

On May 25, 1876, Mr. Livingston was united in marriage with Mary J. Elrod, who was born in Pennsylvania, June 21, 1856, the daughter of William

and Catherine Elrod, a splendid old family of the Keystone state, of which they are both natives. They grew up, were educated and married there, and in 1868 emigrated to Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa. They are both now deceased.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, namely: Two died in infancy; William, the youngest of the number, died when eighteen months old; E. Clyde lives on one of his father's farms; Mamie D. is the wife of Albert Lust and they live on one of the farms; Catherine M. married Beal Lewis and they live on the home farm; Charles B. is at home.

While Mr. Livingston has always taken a keen interest in political affairs and whatever tended to promote the interests of his locality, he has never aspired to public positions, and the fact that he is holding a county office at this writing is a case of the office seeking the man. He is now serving his second term as county supervisor, and he has handled its affairs in such a manner as to reflect much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned, irrespective of political creeds. The new court house has been constructed during his term of office, and he is a member of the first board that has convened in the splendid new building. He was formerly chairman of the board for a year. He is a worthy member of the Baptist church at Monroe, of which he is a deacon.

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#### GEORGE F. MARSHALL.

One of the successful farmers and stock men of Jasper county who is eminently deserving of the success he has achieved and also of the high esteem in which he is universally held is George F. Marshall, of Fairview township, who hails from the faraway banks and braes of bonnie Scotland, and those who know him best will acquiesce in the statement that he has many of the sterling traits of character of those rugged people, who have done so much for the general good of our new republic. His life has been consistent both in motive and action and while he has labored for his own advancement he has not neglected his general duties as a neighbor and citizen.

Mr. Marshall was born ten miles east of Glasgow, Scotland, on June 15, 1858. He is the son of Robert and Mary (Forsyth) Marshall, the father born in the same vicinity as was the subject on November 10, 1831, and the mother was born in Ayreshire, Scotland, on October 17, 1837. They grew up, were educated and married in Scotland, and there the elder Marshall worked in the



G. D. Marshall



coal and iron mines. He went to New Zealand in 1863 where he prospected for gold, and was very successful, finding a fortune in nuggets, but unfortunately it was stolen from him, and he was then compelled to work a year in order to get money enough to pay his expenses home. He returned to Scotland in 1866 and in June of that year he emigrated with his family to Monroe, Iowa, and bought forty acres in Fairview township, Jasper county, and eight years later he bought two hundred acres farther east and there he and his son George F. operated a coal mine for fifteen years, often employing twenty men. They enjoyed a good income from this source, but later Mr. Marshall turned his attention to his farm. He raised large numbers of Poland China hogs. He was a union labor man and politically a Democrat later in life. He was a member of the Methodist church. Accumulating a competency, he retired from active life in 1906 and moved to a commodious home in Monroe where he still resides. His family consisted of six children, namely: Maggie, Mrs. Robena Nolin, Mrs. Betsy DeMass and Mrs. Mary Smith; William J., of Fairview township, this county; and George F., of this sketch. Only the sons and Robena live in this township.

George F. Marshall being the eldest of the family, he had to work hard when a boy assisting in developing the mine and farm, but he found time to attend the Enterprise district school and the Monroe high school. He remained under his parental roof-tree until he was twenty-three years of age. Then he rented his father's place for three years, then bought sixty acres in Elk Creek township in 1885. Selling this, he bought sixty acres in Fairview township and moved thereto and here he still resides. He has added to his original purchase until he now has one hundred and ten acres. He has kept his place well improved and under a high state of cultivation, and in connection with general farming he has raised thoroughbred Poland China hogs for the past thirty years. He won the grand sweepstakes silver loving cup for best hogs, open to all breeders, at the Iowa state fair in 1890 and 1900. Winning two years in succession entitled him to keep the cup. No one else has been able to do this. He has bred Poland China hogs longer than any other man in Jasper county and he is one of the largest breeders of this famous blood in Iowa. Some of the blood of his herds has entered nearly every herd in Iowa of Poland China stock and he ships to every state in the corn belt. He raises about one hundred and fifty stock hogs annually. Owing to the superior quality of his hogs they always find a very ready market whenever offered for sale. No small part of his competency has been earned thereby, and he is today one of the substantial men of his locality.

Politically, Mr. Marshall was a Republican, then a People's party supporter, and now he votes with the Democrats. He is a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Marshall was married on March 3, 1883, to Ulissia A. Tool, who was born September 21, 1864, in this township, the daughter of James A. Tool, a native of Virginia, who came to this section in pioneer days with his father, Adam Tool, one of the first three white settlers in Jasper county, this being in March, 1843. The father of Mrs. Marshall died on October 15, 1910. A full history of the Tool family is to be found on another page of this work.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, namely: Florence; Mrs. Beatrice Balmer, of Fairview township; Ada R., deceased; Winifred; James R. is at home; Frances, Geneva and Hubert.

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#### MELVIN RUSH.

In Melvin Rush Fairview township, Jasper county, has a farmer who believes in doing well whatever is worth doing at all, and although he leads a quiet life, tending to his own business, he never withholds his help from worthy public enterprises and he believes in each individual asserting his rights.

Mr. Rush was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1854. He is the son of Jefferson and Elizabeth (McClintock) Rush, both natives of the same locality in which the subject was born, the father's birth occurring in 1823. There they grew up, were educated in the pioneer schools and there they were married, and they farmed on his father's place, the grain raised on this farm being used to make corn whisky in the distillery of Peter Rush, grandfather of the subject. In the spring of 1855 Jefferson Rush and family moved to Allamakee county, Iowa, and there purchased a small farm. Selling this in 1866, the family moved to Fairview township, Jasper county, and here bought eighty acres. The father was first a Whig and later a Republican, and he belonged to the Baptist church. His death occurred in 1904, his wife having died in 1902. They were the parents of four children, named as follows: Marshall, deceased; Melvin, of this review; Mrs. Rebecca Walker; Mrs. Lydia Montgomery.

Melvin Rush grew up on the home farm and when but a boy he knew the meaning of hard work. He attended the Capital Prairie district school. He has spent nearly all his life on the farm here. His father not being robust,

the son tended the place after he reached maturity and he is now the owner of the same, and has kept it under a good state of improvement and cultivation. When thirty years of age the subject took a claim in Sheridan county, Nebraska, and lived there two years, but finally lost the claim through the trickery of others.

Politically, Mr. Rush is a Republican, but he has never manifested a desire to be a public man. He was married on January 22, 1889, to Rachael Ogg, who was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of George Ogg, who came to Jasper county in 1866. To this union two children have been born, William M. and Byrdie Eva.

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#### ARCH LIVINGSTON.

Successful business talent is composed of a combination of high mental and moral attributes; although these are essential, there must be breadth of capacity, sound judgment, quickness of thought, firmness and justice. Arch Livingston, well known young merchant of Fairmount, Iowa, affords a good example of this talent.

Mr. Livingston was born in Fairview township, Jasper county, Iowa, December 19, 1875. He is the son of John R. and Eliza (Murphy) Livingston, the father born in Ohio in 1837, and the mother born in Tennessee. The father grew up in Ohio and when twenty-five years of age he came to Jasper county, Iowa, with his parents and family, making the overland trip with wagon and team. He finally bought a farm in Fairview township and here he worked hard and became well established. Politically, he was a Democrat and took an active interest in local affairs. For some time he served as justice of the peace. His family consisted of four children, named as follows: Mrs. Minnie Ross, Mrs. Hettie French; Arch of this sketch; Carl W. is living on a farm recently purchased by Arch, three and one-third miles southwest from Fairmount.

Arch Livingston grew up on the home farm and worked in the fields when a small boy, attended the district schools during the winter months, also attended school at Reasnor. He began life in a business way by clerk-ing in a general store for George Volk, at Fairmount, a part of two years, and in the winter he attended college at Newton, Iowa. After leaving college he worked for Henshaw & Pollock at Reasnor for a year; then he ran the buckster wagon for J. W. Edwards at Reasnor for two summers, then he and Mr. Edwards went into partnership in the hardware business, and soon built up an extensive retail trade at Reasnor, but in December, 1898, six months

later, Mr. Livingston sold out and came to Fairmount, buying out the general store there. For two years he was in partnership with George Volk, then A. J. Porter bought Mr. Volk's interest and he and Mr. Livingston were partners one year, when J. M. Porter bought the subject's interest. Two years later Mr. Livingston bought the interest of J. M. Porter and has since conducted the business by himself, and is enjoying an ever-growing trade. He has a neat store and always carries a full and up-to-date stock of goods. He has recently greatly increased the stock, and he supplies an extensive country trade.

Politically, Mr. Livingston is a Democrat. He is giving most satisfactory service as postmaster at Fairmount, which position he has held since 1901. He is a member of the Methodist church.

On September 28, 1908, Mr. Livingston was united in marriage with Ida May Porter, a native of Des Moines and the daughter of J. M. Porter and wife. They have one child, Ray Porter Livingston, born December 20, 1903. Personally, Mr. Livingston is honest and genial and is well liked by his hundreds of customers.

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#### LEVI M. CHURCHILL.

The subject of this sketch is one of the progressive young agriculturists of Fairview township, Jasper county, whose well improved and productive farm ranks with the best in his locality, having been well tilled and well managed by Mr. Churchill and brought up to its present high state of excellency by him. His success has been won entirely along lines of well established customs, for he realized at the outset that "There is no excellence without labor."

Levi M. Churchill was born in the community where he still resides and where, in fact, he has spent his life, on September 24, 1877. He is the son of H. L. Churchill, a well known farmer and stock man, of this county, a complete sketch of whom appears on another page of this work, to which the reader is respectfully referred. The subject has three brothers and one sister living.

Mr. Churchill was reared on the farm where he worked when a boy. He attended the Capital Prairie district school and the Monroe high school, later took a course in the Iowa Business College at Des Moines for two years. Returning home when he was twenty-one years old, he farmed on the home place for a year, and the following year he began farming for his

father on one hundred and twenty acres adjoining the home place and eighty acres of the home place. In 1902 he was married and moved onto one of his father's farms a half-mile north of Fairmount. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He feeds large numbers of cattle from year to year. He raises thoroughbred, double standard Polled Hereford cattle, and his fine stock are much admired by all.

Politically, Mr. Churchill is a Republican, and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Churchill was married on December 24, 1902, to Florence E. Martin, who was born in Sarpy county, Nebraska, July 1, 1882, the daughter of Jacob Martin. This union has been without issue.

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#### THOMAS M. JONES.

One of the popular, neighborly and public spirited families of the north-western part of Jasper county is that represented by the subject of this biographical record, a people who look not to the accumulation of material wealth as the sole reason of existence, being content when they know that others have been made happy and that they have been of some service to humanity and the community in general.

Thomas M. Jones, of the vicinity of Baxter, was born in Fulton county, Illinois, March 11, 1854, where he grew to manhood and received his educational training and took up farming for a livelihood, which he has continued to follow to the present time. He came to Iowa in 1891 and has since remained here. He is the son of Washington and Elizabeth (Hurl) Jones, the former dying in Illinois and the latter, who was born August 26, 1825, is living at Ottumwa, Iowa, being now advanced in years. There were three children in the Jones family, namely: Joseph lives in Arkansas; the second, a son, died in infancy; Thomas M., of this review, is the youngest.

Thomas M. Jones grew up on the farm and was educated in the common schools. On February 21, 1875, he was united in marriage with Melinda E. Drummond, who was born in Vermillion county, Indiana, January 3, 1857. When six months old her parents took her to Illinois, where she grew to womanhood. She was the daughter of John and Eliza (Hasty) Drummond. The former, who was born in Indiana, enlisted for service in the Union army from Illinois, made a gallant soldier and died while in the service on August 10, 1865. The mother, born in 1834, died in Illinois in 1901. There were

five children in the Drummond family, namely: Melinda E., wife of Mr. Jones, of this review; Mrs. Mary Anderson lives in Canton, Illinois; Mrs. C. E. Beard also lives in Illinois; Mrs. Livona Coakley is residing in Independence township, Jasper county; Hubert lives in Seville, Illinois.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Jones eleven children have been born as follows: Mrs. Mary E. Bartelle, born January 4, 1876, is living in Collins, Iowa; Mrs. Melinda E. Miles, born in Jasper county, October 7, 1877, lives in Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Belle Tracy, born October 26, 1879, lives at Collins; John lives near Collins; Clet, born in Illinois, January 5, 1885, is living in Jasper county; William Louis, born June 24, 1887, also lives in Jasper county; Mrs. Maud E. Haley, born October 29, 1889; Hubert D., born December 23, 1891, lives at home; Ira W., born August 4, 1894, lives at home; Frank, born October 5, 1896, lives at home; Vilda May, born February 23, 1900. There are fourteen grandchildren, all living.

Politically, Mr. Jones is a Democrat. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Baxter, and both he and Mrs. Jones to the Yeomen at Collins and the Rebekahs at Baxter. This family is known for its hospitality and friendliness.

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#### FREDERICK ORLAND RORABAUGH.

One of the most enterprising of the younger agriculturists and stock men of Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, is Frederick Orland Rorabaugh, who was born in this township, July 27, 1882, the son of John M. and Julia (Kelly) Rorabaugh, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of New York City. The father came to Jasper county in an early day with his father, Israel Rorabaugh, and they bought several hundred acres in Mound Prairie township, becoming leading farmers here and among the most influential citizens in the pioneer days. For a full history of this well-known old family, the reader is referred to the sketch of John M. Rorabaugh, appearing complete on another page of this volume.

Frederick O. Rorabaugh grew up on the home farm and when but a boy he assisted with the general work there, and the training he received has stood him well in hand in his subsequent life work. He received a very good education in the rural schools of his native township, which he attended during the winter months for a number of years. He has been contented to remain in this locality and his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and, judging from the excellent start he has at such an early age, one must

conclude that the future holds large things in store for him as a tiller of the soil and a stock raiser, for he has been taught to have system about his affairs, performing every detail exactly as it should be performed, never following slipshod methods. He began by renting his father's farm of one hundred and eight acres, which he has kept well improved and well tilled, carrying on general farming and stock raising.

Politically, Mr. Rorabaugh is a Republican and, fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Rorabaugh was married on October 30, 1907, to Mary Jane Hummel, who was born in Fairview township, this county, reared and educated here. She is the daughter of John M. Hummel, one of our early settlers and a highly respected citizen. Two children have been born to the subject and wife, John Orland and Glenwood.

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#### JOHN M. RORABAUGH.

Very largely to his own efforts is the success of John M. Rorabaugh, well known agriculturist of Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, attributable, for he has been a man of resourcefulness and self-reliance all his life, preferring to depend upon no one to do his planning or his work, and, being ambitious and industrious, he has forged to the front in the face of obstacles.

Mr. Rorabaugh was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1848. He is the son of Israel and Phoebe (McQuillan) Rorabaugh, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in 1819, and there they grew up and were married, and in that country Israel Rorabaugh followed lumbering. He hewed out frame timber and rafted it down the Susquehanna river. In 1860 he emigrated with his family to Jasper county, Iowa, and located in Mound Prairie township. He had come here previously, in 1857, and bought one hundred and forty acres, after which he went back to Pennsylvania. Later he bought one hundred and sixty acres more and in 1892, having accumulated a competency, he retired from active life and moved to Colfax and there he made his home until his death, in 1902, his widow surviving until 1905. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren church in early life, but after coming to Colfax they joined the Methodist church. He was a Republican and for some time he served his community as justice of the peace. His was a large family, twelve children, of whom John M., of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

John M. Rorabaugh attended the public schools in Pennsylvania and Iowa. At that time there was only one school in the township here and the subject had little chance to get an education. During the winter he worked at the old stage station, located where his house in Colfax now stands. He worked for his board so that he could attend school. When he was fifteen years of age he began working out as a farm hand. When he was twenty-three years old he bought eighty acres in Mound Prairie township. He improved this and added to it until he now owns two hundred acres of excellent land. He has met with a large measure of success as a general farmer. He retired from active life in the spring of 1911 and moved to Colfax. Politically, he is a Republican and he belongs to the United Brethren church.

Mr. Rorabaugh was married on December 3, 1871, to Julia Kelly, who was born on East Fortieth street, New York City, December 15, 1852, the daughter of Patrick Kelly, a quarryman by occupation. In the fall of 1864 the Kelly family moved to Knox county, Illinois, and in 1870 they came on to Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, Iowa, locating on a farm, and there Mr. Kelly lived the rest of his life, dying in 1888.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rorabaugh: Mrs. Phoebe Elizabeth McCracken; Thomas Francis; Frederick Orland, who lives in Mound Prairie township, is represented in a separate sketch in this volume; and Mrs. Mary E. Baker.

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#### WILLIAM B. MCKINNEY.

The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch was born January 17, 1839, at Noblesville, Indiana, the son of David and Rachel (Garrett) McKinney, both natives of North Carolina. The family came in 1834 to Indiana and purchased land and settled in Hamilton county, that state. For more than twenty-five years Mr. McKinney, Sr., carried on successful farming in the Hoosier state, at the expiration of which time he sold out his interests in Indiana and came to Iowa, locating first in Jasper county, in 1846, but a year later he purchased a large tract of land near Galesburg, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1873, at the age of seventy-one years. He was among the early settlers in this county, and was a man of fearless and upright character. He was broad-minded and public spirited and commanded the respect and confidence of the community in which he lived, having held many and various township offices, being justice of the peace at Galesburg for a number of years. He was twice married, his first wife,



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mother of the subject, dying at the age of twenty-seven years in Indiana. To this union there were born four children, of whom William B. was the youngest, the others being as follows: Margaret, now the widow of William Autry, living near Galesburg; Alfred, living in Washington; Mary, now the widow of Henry Hammer, living in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. McKinney's second marriage was to Adaline Hammer, to whom seven children were born, namely: James W., who was a lecturer, now deceased; Elizabeth F., died at the age of thirty-five; Henry, deceased; Gideon died on the home place near Galesburg, leaving a family; Ellen Ora, who married Thomas Hinshaw, is now deceased; Rosanna, now Mrs. T. Farmer, living on a farm near Parsons, Kansas; Rachel, now Mrs. George Landmesser, living on a farm in Pocahontas county, Iowa.

At the age of nineteen years, William B. McKinney started out to make his own way in the world by farming and teaming. In 1862 he entered his country's service by enlisting in Company D, Tenth Iowa Regiment, and at the expiration of his first term of enlistment he re-enlisted and served with distinction until the close of the war, being mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas. He participated in twenty-seven battles, among them being Champion's Hill, Corinth, Iuka, and many others, and went with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. He was twice wounded, the first time in the temple during the battle of Corinth, and on the 16th of May, 1863, at the battle of Champion's Hill, he was shot in the breast and severely wounded, and carries the bullet in his body to this day, it being too near the heart to allow of an operation. While lying wounded upon the field, he was taken prisoner by the enemy, but ten or fifteen minutes later he was re-taken by the Union forces. He says that was the longest ten minutes he ever experienced. He was sent to the hospital and it was not until in October that he was able to rejoin his regiment, at which time they engaged in the battle of Lookout Mountain.

On December 14, 1865, Mr. McKinney was united in marriage to Lydia Hammer, daughter of Henry and Francis (Blackburn) Hammer. To this union were born eight children, of whom the first two died in infancy. The others are: J. E., now deceased; Nancy E., now Mrs. Schuyler Morris, lives on a farm in Kellogg township; William died in infancy; Hetty died when a small child; Ella, who married Francis Kasta, died, leaving one child, a girl; Alfred is living at Seattle, Washington.

In 1890, at the age of fifty-four, Mr. McKinney's wife died, and ten years later, on July 15, 1900, he married Rebecca F. Gettys, widow of Joseph

Gettys, who was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company D, Fortieth Iowa. She was the daughter of Robert Wilson and Johanna (Demar) Wilson, her father a native of Delaware and her mother of Kentucky. Her parents were married in Indiana, but later moved to Arkansas, coming to Kellogg township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1854, where they purchased a quarter section of land. The father died here in 1890, as also did her mother, only a few months apart. To this union there were born ten children, namely: Ann Jane, deceased; Sarah Irene twice married, first to a Mr. Huffman, afterwards to a Mr. Adams, both farmers in Kellogg township. She is now deceased; Charlotta V., widow of Steven Morris, lives in Kellogg township; William, a farmer of Kellogg township, now dead; David lives on a farm in South Dakota; Fletcher N. is in the dairy business in Oregon; Eliza, widow of Cyrus Calliston, of Kellogg township; two died in infancy.

Mrs. McKinney's first marriage occurred in 1856, and after living in Kellogg township for a few years the family moved to Kansas, where Mr. Gettys died in 1895. She is the mother of eleven children, namely: Mary Isabel Lockard lives in Kansas; Amanda Jones lives in Oregon; Emmerata Gaff, now deceased, lived in Kansas; J. Elsworth lives at Trouro, Iowa; Robert, a Methodist Episcopal minister located at David City, Nebraska; Wilbur, also a minister of the Methodist church, living in Oklahoma; Walter lives in Kansas; Edward lives at Ofallon, Illinois; Minnie Snider lives in Newton, Iowa; Maud Campbell lives in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. McKinney is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Garrett Post, at Newton, and is also identified with the Masonic lodge in Newton. In 1860 he purchased his first land, which consisted of eighty acres in Kellogg township. Later he added eighty acres more to this, which tract he sold in 1886, afterwards buying one hundred and sixty acres in Newton township. After farming this land for about twenty years, he sold it and purchased two hundred acres in Kellogg township, which he sold a few years ago and retired from active labor, buying a nice home with twelve acres of land adjoining it just outside the city limits of the city of Newton. He has made this his residence ever since. He is a very good man, highly respected and esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact, and he and his good wife are active and zealous in all that pertains to the welfare of the community in which they live. Mrs. McKinney is a loyal member of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Newton. Politically, Mr. McKinney is a Democrat, but has never been an aspirant to public office, although he has been school director and road supervisor in his district a number of times. Although having ceased from active labor on the farm, Mr. McKinney is not content to be idle, but is engaged in making private loans of his own money.

## HARRY WILSON PORTER.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch is one of the progressive young business men of Jasper county. He has not sought any royal road to the goal of prosperity and independence, but began in a legitimate way to advance himself, and the high regard in which he is held indicates the possession of attributes and characteristics that entitle him to the highest esteem.

Harry Wilson Porter was born in Fairview township, this county, January 10, 1881. He is the son of James M. and Virginia R. (Bitting) Porter, the father born in Decatur county, Indiana, March 13, 1850, and the mother was born in Des Moines, Iowa, January 13, 1857. His paternal grandparents, Caspar and Martha (Sidwell) Porter, were born in Decatur county, Indiana, the former on February 27, 1827, and the latter on April 17, 1829. Caspar Porter was a blacksmith by trade and he conducted a shop for some time in Shelbyville, Indiana. He and his wife were members of the Christian church. The death of Caspar Porter occurred in 1864 at Shelbyville.

Simon Bitting, the maternal grandfather of the subject, came to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1848 when the place was a mere village and he was the first person to conduct either a boarding house or hotel there. He was also the first person to deliver the first newspaper, the *Register-Leader*, which is still published there.

James M. Porter, father of the subject, was the only child in his family to survive infancy and his mother died when he was nine years old and his father when he was fourteen. Thus he was thrown out into the world on his own resources when quite young, and although the discipline was hard it was good training for later life. When his mother died in 1850 the father of the subject came to Jasper county, Iowa, to live with his grandparents, John and Sarah Porter, who had emigrated with team and wagon to Fairview township in 1858 and there he grew to manhood and attended the district schools, later went to college at Pella, Iowa, and to a business college at Des Moines. Thus having obtained a good education, he started out in the business world as clerk in a drug store in Des Moines, where he remained two years, then returned to Jasper county and began renting his grandfather's place, a part of which he finally bought. In 1901 he traded his farm for the elevator and grain business at Fairmount, this county, and has continued the grain and coal business to the present time, enjoying a very satisfactory business, his trade covering a wide territory. His family consists of two

sons and one daughter, Mrs. Ida M. Livingston, Fay, and Harry Wilson, of this sketch.

The subject attended the public schools in Fairview township and the Iowa Business College at Des Moines. He then took a position as clerk in the Des Moines National Bank, where he worked five months, then in August, 1900, he came to Fairmount, Jasper county, and engaged in the coal and grain business as a partner with his father under the firm name of J. M. Porter & Son. They have been very successful handling coal and buying and selling grain, their trade being constantly on the increase.

Politically, the subject is a Democrat, and he has served his district as school director.

Harry W. Porter was married on December 31, 1905, to Mary McGregor, who was born in Des Moines. She is the daughter of James McGregor, a well known contractor of that city. To this union two children have been born: Don Sheldon Porter, born March 11, 1907, and Vern Wilbert, born October 11, 1909, died May 21, 1910.

Personally, Mr. Porter is a young man of much business promise, a genial, frank, straightforward young man whom everybody likes.

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#### GERSHOM VANCE.

Living in section 2, Palo Alto township, adjoining Newton township, is Gershon Vance. There is not a finer or nobler character in all of Jasper county than this old man, now rounding into his seventy-fifth year. A man to whom the word "friendship" means everything that the term implies, he is a man in truth, a "friend in need and a friend indeed," a man whom any one may feel proud to call friend. Steadfast and loyal in his friendships, although they have oftentimes entailed sacrifice on his part, kindly in his judgments and charitable withal, the world is a better place because Gershon Vance has lived in it. Although well advanced in years, he is hardy and active and still retains much of the buoyancy and enthusiasm of youth, and has a wonderfully retentive memory. He springs from a hardy race, his mother living to the ripe old age of ninety-two years; his father's people were also long lived and hardy. He does not now wear glasses and he can crack a hickory nut with his teeth. His grandfather, Robert Vance, was a captain in the war of 1812. By birth an Englishman, he came to this country in his early manhood and located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Here he

engaged in the coal business and was one of a company who first developed the second vein of coal. He married an Irish lassie and to them were born four sons: Andrew, John, William and Samuel. Andrew was a prosperous dry goods merchant in Pittsburgh and a large land owner; John and Samuel were prosperous farmers near Pittsburgh and William, the third son, who was the father of the subject, came west in the early pioneer days and located where Muscatine now stands. When a boy he learned the cooper trade and followed that business until he came west. He married Rachel Vanata, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Elizabeth Vanata. She was one of twelve children and was born in 1813. To them were born eight children, six being born in Pennsylvania. In 1836 the family came west, induced thereto by the representations of a brother of Mrs. Vance, John Vanata, who had come to the west about two years previous. He left home at the age of fifteen years, and enlisted as a soldier at Pittsburgh, the company being sent to the frontier. They went to Cincinnati, took a boat up the Mississippi and landed at Oquawka, at a block house there.

When the Vance family came west they built a log house twenty-four feet long and sixteen feet wide, with a partition across the middle, and here the family lived for a good many years with John Vanata, who, with William Vance, carried on trade with the Indians, trading beads for valuable furs, etc. They also had a wood yard, and part of the time worked on one side of the great Mississippi, and part of the time on the other. They had built a temporary shack on the Illinois side of the river for shelter, and here it was, being detained longer than they had reckoned on, that Gershom, the subject of our sketch, was born, on November 4, 1836, at what is now Andalusia, Rock Island county, Illinois, and being a "stranger in a strange land," they called him Gershom. He was the seventh child in the order of birth, those who preceded him being as follows: Andrew, who lived and farmed in Mercer county, Illinois, and died there in his eightieth year, was born in 1820. In 1851 he went to California to seek for gold, going overland by teams. Being well impressed with the country, he remained there until 1871, when he returned to Mercer county, Illinois; James, born in 1822, lived and farmed in Mercer county, Illinois, dying at the age of seventy-eight; Eliza, born in 1824, died at the age of thirty-two. She was the wife of Anthony Nash, a farmer of Davis county, Illinois; Robert, now in his eighty-fifth year, is living in Oklahoma. For many years he carried on farming in Davis county, Iowa. He also went to California to seek his fortune in the year 1850, going by water via New York, but returned in 1853; Mary, born 1829, was married to a man by the name of Hudson, and departed this life at the age of eighty.

in Mercer county, Illinois; Catherine, born 1832, became the wife of Frank Fryant, a farmer of Mereer county, Illinois; Gershon, the subject of this review; Sarah Ellen died in infancy.

The mother of the subject died December 12, 1895, and his father died in 1865, at the age of seventy-four. For the last five years of his life William Vance walked in darkness, having lost the sight of both eyes. Gershon Vance received his early educational training in the country schools, three terms in Davis county, in a log cabin school house in Soap Creek township, and at the age of eighteen he started forth to do for himself, going with a party who were doing government surveying in what is now Plymouth, Woodbury, Monona and Cherokee counties in the western part of Iowa. They were away on the trip three months, and on his return he went to Mercer county, Illinois, and hired out on farms by the month, attending the country schools in the winter months and thus continued for four years. On June 30, 1863, he was united in marriage with Emma Kiddoo, daughter of James and Margaret (Steel) Kiddoo, both natives of Pennsylvania, the mother being born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 8, 1844. She was the fourth child born in a family of eleven, six of whom besides Mrs. Vance survive, their names as follows: John, Howard and Martha, all living in Kansas; Richard, in St. Paul; Amos, living in Arkansas; and Harvey.

The Kiddoo family came west and located in Mereer county, Illinois, in the year 1848, and in 1864 they removed to Jasper county, Iowa, settling near Baxter. Here, in the same year, the mother died, at the age of forty-four. In 1867 the father went to Johnson county, Missouri, and became the owner of a large tract of land. He also owned a flour mill at Warrensburg in Johnson county, dying there in 1889, at the age of seventy-four. After his marriage the subject brought his wife to Jasper county, and purchased forty acres of land, where the Parson's creamery is located, paying nine hundred dollars for the tract. A short time later he sold this land to an advantage and purchased eighty acres in Independence township, for eighteen hundred dollars, ten days later selling the same for twenty-one hundred dollars. For several years he speculated in land, buying and sellings farms. He has been the owner of many nice farms in different townships in Jasper county. At the present time he is living on a farm of sixty-five acres in Palo Alto township, close to Newton. He was formerly a heavy stock raiser.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vance have been born nine children: James, born April 4, 1864, living on a farm in Palo Alto township; Margaret Eliza, born July 9, 1865, married Elsworth Ashley, lives in Palo Alto township; Olive

K., born March 26, 1868, married T. E. Deacon, now deceased, lived in Union county, Iowa; Arminta, born March 26, 1870, died at the age of eight; William, born October 18, 1872, died at the age of six; Florence Bell, born in July, 1874, died at the age of four; all three little ones died in one week of diphtheria; Eva, born July 31, 1880, married E. M. Herron, lives in Newton township; Harvey Earl, born in October, 1883, lives in Kellogg township; Paul Raymond, born September 7, 1885, now employed as special agent in the census department, at Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of the Newton high school, also of Monmouth College, and of Yale.

Mr. Vance is independent in politics, having been a Prohibitionist for a number of years. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Newton, as is also Mrs. Vance. Mr. Vance and the author of this work were boyhood friends. He is a hale and healthy old man, and at the age of seventy retains much of his youthful vigor.

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#### JOHN PATTERSON.

Residing in section 25, in Newton township, is John Patterson, a man who has wrested from fortune by hard labor all that he possesses. One of a family of twelve, he early had to "shift" for himself, and it was no easy paving for him to fortune's door, but, undaunted, he has buffeted the world and has been successful in obtaining one of Jasper county's splendid farms, just one mile east of Newton. His father, G. F. Patterson, is a native of Kentucky, being born there seventy years ago. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and came to Jasper county when a young man and there met and married Sarah Ann Logsdon. Mr. Patterson, Sr., owned a farm in Newton township at least forty years, but at the present time he owns a place in Sherman township, where he and his wife and one son now reside. Mrs. Patterson is now in her sixty-seventh year.

It was while the family lived in Newton township that the twelve children making up the circle were born, the subject being the fifth in the order of birth, which occurred November 30, 1870. The names of the others are: Edward, living in Independence township; Amanda, wife of Alex Spencer, resides at Weeping Water, Nebraska; William, living in Nebraska; Leander, living at Delta, Iowa; James, in the city of Newton, Iowa; Thomas, in South Dakota; David, living on a farm at Collins, Jasper county; Susan, wife of Carl Tiffany, lives on a farm near Collins; George Washington, living with his parents in Sherman township; Julia, wife of Sherman Hurst,

died a few years ago, leaving a son, Russell; Alexander, living near Clyde, Jasper county, on a farm.

John Patterson received his early educational training in the winter months in the country schools of his neighborhood, and at the early age of fifteen started out to work for himself, hiring out by the month as a laborer on farms. In March, 1902, he was united in marriage to Lillie Lufkin, who was a teacher of music. She was born in Elk Creek township, on October 20, 1874, the daughter of William and Mary Ann (Poots) Lufkin, her father being born at Portland, Maine, and her mother at New Philadelphia, Ohio. Her mother's people came to Jasper county, Iowa, nearly fifty years ago and settled at Lynnvile; her father came to the county before the Civil war. He was a carpenter by occupation, and after his marriage returned to Maine, but a few years after he returned to Jasper county, Iowa, and located on a farm near Reasnor, where he farmed for forty-two years, departing this life in 1880. Her mother still survives and resides in Elk Creek, at the age of sixty-six years. After her husband's death she married John De Goey, one child, Elizabeth, being born to them. By the first marriage there were four children, Mrs. Patterson being the youngest, the names of the others being as follows: Benjamin lives near Reasnor on a farm; Laura and Nora, twins—Laura married Garrett Kierbergen, and lives in Oklahoma, while Nora married G. E. Shanklin, and they live in Newton township.

After his marriage Mr. Patterson rented for a couple of years a farm in Independence township, after which he purchased his present place, consisting of eighty acres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have been born the following children: Howard, born May 2, 1903; Fred L., born March 8, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Newton. Politically, he votes with the Republican party, and at present is holding the office of school director for his district.

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#### JAMES A. OLDHAM.

All credit is due a man who wins success in spite of obstacles and by persistency a position of honor as a man and citizen. The record of James A. Oldham, farmer of Fairview township, Jasper county, is of such a man, for starting with little assistance he has worked his way to definite success.

Mr. Oldham was born in Knox county, Illinois, September 6, 1851. He is the son of Joseph and Margaret (Scott) Oldham, both born in England, the



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father in Cheshire in 1811. He grew up in his native country and there learned the trade of machinist. When twenty-one years of age he emigrated to Philadelphia where he worked two or three years, then moved to Knox county, Illinois, where he rented land until 1865, but in the same year he came on to Warren county, Iowa, and bought one hundred and sixty acres, selling out a year later and moving to Des Moines, where he worked a year at his trade. In the fall of 1866 he came to Jasper county and rented land a while, finally buying forty acres in Fairview township and there he remained until his death, in 1876. His wife, whom he married before leaving Philadelphia, subsequently married R. S. Buckley. Mr. Oldham was a Democrat. His family consisted of three sons and two daughters, namely: Joseph died in infancy; Silas is deceased; Mrs. Selina Tool, Mrs. Edna Hancock; James A., of this sketch, was the oldest. He had little opportunity to get an education. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years old, then rented a farm, later buying a few acres, to which he has added until he now owns five hundred and fifty acres of valuable and desirable land in Fairview township. He has kept it under modern improvements and a high state of cultivation and for many years he has ranked with the leading farmers of the county and the substantial citizens of his township. He has a pleasant and attractive home and in connection with general farming he has long been one of the leading stock raisers of the county.

Politically, Mr. Oldham is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Methodist church. He was married on December 25, 1875, to Sarah E. Tool, who was born in Jasper county, the daughter of James A. Tool, who came to Jasper county in 1843, being one of the very earliest settlers in the county. To Mr. Oldham and wife the following children have been born: Ernest J., Mrs. Minnie B. Blackledge, Cora (deceased), Horace T., Mrs. Olive Blackledge, Arie, Earl and Grace.

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#### E. B. MACY.

In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their own way to success through none too favorable environment we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which cannot only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention was not favored by vast inherited wealth or the assistance of powerful or influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and wise economy, he has attained

a comfortable station in life, making his influence felt for good in his community in Lynn Grove township where his life has been spent. Because of the honorable career he has known here and also because of the fact that he is a creditable representative of one of our sterling pioneer families, the name of Macy having been a familiar one in Jasper county for over a half century, the members of this worthy household having played no inconspicuous part in the upbuilding of the county, and setting an example for the younger generation that might be very profitably followed.

E. B. Macy, well-known banker and general business man of Lynnville, this county, was born on June 18, 1864, the son of S. H. and Abigail (Gause) Macy, who came from Indiana in the early fifties and located in Poweshiek county, Iowa, where they bought a farm, began life amid primitive conditions, and in due course of time had a good home and a splendid farm on which they lived for a period of twenty-five years. They then moved to Jasper county, where Mr. Macy began dealing in live stock, in fact, he was the first man in this county to engage exclusively or extensively in this line of endeavor. He prospered and became a leader here, as he had been in Poweshiek county. He was one of the principal citizens here in securing the railroad that first penetrated Jasper county. He became the owner of a valuable farm here and made this his home until his death, on March 16, 1902. He was a man of sterling characteristics, courageous, broad-minded and of exemplary habits, so that his example was ever a wholesome one. His widow, a woman of beautiful traits, is still living, having attained a ripe old age. Their family consisted of four children, all living at this writing.

E. B. Macy grew to manhood on his father's farm and there assisted with the general work during the crop seasons and, in fact, assisting his father in his general affairs. He attended the public schools, later taking a course at Grinnell College. He started in life for himself by launching into the live stock business, which he learned under his father, and this has been his chief life work. In 1887 he and his brother, Charles O., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, formed a partnership, under the firm name of Macy Brothers, and they soon were doing a very satisfactory business in live stock, later adding grain, lumber and coal. Their business grew under their judicious management by leaps and bounds, extending over a wide territory, this firm becoming one of the best known and most popular of its kind in central Iowa. It became necessary for them to establish several branch houses in order to properly handle their several branches and meet the requirements necessary in carrying onward their vast volume of trade. In 1901 they organized the Macy Brothers Exchange Bank at Lynnville, with

Charles O. as president and E. A. as cashier. They have been most successful as bankers, enjoying the confidence and good will of the community, and now few banks in this locality enjoy the prestige of this one, which has been managed in a safe and conservative manner and has ever increased in power and importance. The capital stock of the bank is ten thousand dollars, and they use fifty thousand dollars capital in the grain, lumber and coal business.

Politically, Mr. Macy is a Democrat and he was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends. He belongs to Lebanon Lodge No. 222, Masons, of Lynnville, and Newton Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar; he also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Yeomen. He takes an active interest in Masonry and is popular in fraternal circles in central Iowa.

The domestic life of Mr. Macy began in 1902 when he was married to Julia Whitlock, a lady of refinement and pleasing personality. She was born in this county, but spent a part of her life in Carroll county. She is the daughter of James and Elizabeth Whitlock, a highly honored old family. To Mr. and Mrs. Macy five sons have been born, namely: Rosco, Russell, Earl, Dwight and Howard.

Mr. Macy is a straightforward, unostentatious, genial citizen of sterling qualities and is highly respected by all who know him as a result of his honesty in business, his public spirit, his advocacy of wholesome living and his support of all movements looking to the betterment of his community, town and county.

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#### WALTER E. FRIZZELL.

Walter E. Frizzell is a prosperous young farmer living on the Kellogg road about five miles east of Newton, on the place in which he was born. He is the son of George and Mary L. (Trivetts) Frizzell. His father was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1841, and died in June, 1909, in Jasper county, Iowa. He, the father, was the eldest child in a family of nine, five of whom still survive: Allen; Elnora, wife of Joseph Temple; Susan, wife of Joseph Statts; John M., and Elizabeth, wife of William Hartz.

The mother of Mr. Frizzell was born in Indiana, December 14, 1846, and died in Jasper county, Iowa, February 13, 1900. She was one of six children. George Frizzell, father of the subject, was twice married, and by his first wife he had two children, Alva G. and Flora B., who married Elijah Myerly. By the second wife he had three children: Minnie, Inez Farmer, who married G. E. Farmer, and Walter E., the subject of this review. The latter

was born July 10, 1878. On December 11, 1907, he married Lila May Russell, daughter of Samuel and Katherine (McGlaughlin) Russell, who was born May 24, 1883. Her father, a man of upright character and a veteran of the Civil war, was familiarly called "Uncle Samuel," on account of his amiable disposition. For the last three years of his life he walked in darkness, having lost the use of his eyes. Mr. Russell was three times married. In 1846 he married Ellen Armstrong, who died while he was in the war, leaving no children. His second wife was Katherine Enrick, to whom he was married in 1866. She died in 1878, leaving three children: Jacob, Eldora, and Sadie, wife of George Woodward. In 1882 he was again married to Katherine McClaughlin of Rochester, Pennsylvania, who still survives him and lives in Newton, Iowa. To them were born three children: Samuel C., Lila May and Claribel, wife of W. P. O'Neil, living in Des Moines.

Mr. Russell was born in Richmond, Virginia; and died August 31, 1904, in Jasper county. He came to Iowa from Virginia in May, 1887, and located near Metz.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell have been born two children: Charles William, born September 6, 1908, and Mary Catherine, born October 26, 1911. Mr. Frizzell is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, worth two hundred dollars per acre. He inherited a part of this land at his father's death, and then bought out the interests of the other heirs. He is a Republican in politics. Mrs. Frizzell is a member of the Baptist church at Newton.

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#### J. W. MURPHY.

Everybody in Jasper county knew J. W. Murphy. Tall and rugged as an oak, with kindly face and great booming voice, Mr. Murphy was as unique a specimen of sturdy American manhood as the great state of Iowa affords.

The first Murphy of which we have record in the direct line was John, who lived and died in Ireland. He married Mary Campbell, a Scotch highland lassie and a Presbyterian, he being a Catholic. After they were married they compromised their differences in religion by joining the church of England.

Hugh Murphy, second son of this union, born May 5, 1746, came to this country on the "Three Brothers," a sailing vessel, being three months on the way on account of rough weather, finally landing in Philadelphia in January, 1782. He was a sympathizer of the American colonists and while back in

Ireland refused to fight in the king's army against them. After coming to this country he worked at odd jobs, freighting, etc., finally settling in Virginia, where he was united in marriage to Mary Beatty.

Daniel, third son of this pair, born October 3, 1798, was the father of the subject of this sketch, John W. Murphy. Soon after the birth of Daniel, the Murphy family removed to Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Later, in 1817, they again moved to Highland county, Ohio, settling there in a thick woods, the son, Daniel, helping to clear the land and working in the collier works in Kentucky.

June 1, 1824, he united in marriage with Cynthia Wildman, daughter of John and Rebecca (Townsend) Wildman, a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, born July 24, 1796. To this union were born seven children, namely: John Wildman Murphy, the subject of this review, born May 12, 1825, and died August 20, 1911; James, born November 20, 1826, died a few years prior to this writing at Pittsfield, Illinois; Catherine, born April 30, 1830, died in January, 1834; Clarissa, wife of James Zink, born January 7, 1833, died in Jasper county, Iowa; Townsend, born May 22, 1835, (unmarried) resides in Jasper county, Iowa; Cynthia A., wife of John Trevitts, born October 11, 1838, resides in Newton, Iowa; Daniel W., born November 16, 1841, resides in Jasper county. He enlisted in an Ohio regiment in the great Civil war conflict, and was honorably discharged at its close. All the children were born in the same log cabin, in a forest in Highland county, Ohio, where nightly was heard the scream of the panther, the howl of the wolf, and other weird and primitive sounds of the wilderness. The mother died March 5, 1862, in Highland county, Ohio, and Daniel Murphy, a few years later, married a Mrs. Nancy Fenner. She died in 1871, and then Mr. Murphy came to live with his children, who had all preceded him to Iowa. He died in Jasper county, February 25, 1890, at the age of eight-two years.

The subject of this review was united in marriage, September 19, 1847, to Ann Eliza Russell, daughter of Samuel and Mary P. Russell. She was a native of Virginia, born in Buckingham county, February 21, 1830. They were married at what is now Russell Station in Highland county, Ohio. Mr. Murphy was, as he put it, three-eighths Irish, one-eighth Highland Scotch and four-eighths English. His mother's people were Quakers clear back from the beginning of that religion. She joined the Methodist Episcopal church after she was married. Mrs. Murphy's father died in Jasper county in 1876, while visiting here with his children. Her mother was born in 1809 and died in 1897. Mrs. Murphy was one of seven children, but four of whom are now living, namely: John W. Russell, living in Newton; Samuel G., living in

Newton; and Mary J., wife of Caleb Bennett, living in Chattanooga, Tennessee. One brother, the youngest, Robert H., served in the war of the Rebellion. He enlisted in California and died in a hospital in San Francisco from sickness contracted during the war, soon after being discharged.

To Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were born eight children: Laura Alice, born June 12, 1854, wife of John Y. Swigart, now living in Mexico; John W., born May 10, 1857, a Presbyterian minister at American Fort, Utah, married Mertie Sterns, and this couple have one child, a girl; Cynthia P., born October 11, 1859, wife of Alec Woods, lives in Jasper county, and they have four boys; Zella J., born November 23, 1862, married Jefferson Miller, died March 17, 1888, in Nebraska, left three children, two boys and a girl; Zilla, Mrs. James Warren, died on the Kansas and Nebraska line and is buried in Nebraska; Clement Seymour, born July 14, 1864, died in infancy; Hamer Elsworth, born August 29, 1866, married Mary Atwood, now lives in Newton, a graduate of chiropractic healing, has one child, a boy; Roswell Trimble, born May 27, 1869, died in infancy; Bower Thrap, born October 20, 1870, married Edith Blackwood, lives on a farm in Jasper county, Iowa. They have five children, three boys and two girls.

On October 17, 1857, Mr. Murphy with his wife and family, consisting at that time of two children, removed from Ohio to Jasper county, Iowa. He and his brother, James, bought three hundred acres of land, paying eight dollars per acre for the same. This land was afterwards divided, and Mr. Murphy afterwards added to his portion until he owned two hundred and ten acres.

Probably no other man in Jasper county took the part in public affairs that Mr. Murphy did. He served as township clerk, trustee, justice of the peace, road supervisor, and was a member of the board of school directors for eighteen years consecutively. In April, 1858, when he was elected secretary of the school board, the township was without a school house and there were no sub-districts. John C. Scott and Mr. Murphy together evolved the plan of placing a school house in the center of every four adjoining sections where practical, the first one in the county being the Slagel school house in Hixon's Grove. This plan was afterward followed throughout the county.

Mr. Murphy was one of the organizers of the Jasper County Farmers Mutual Association, being its first secretary, which office he held for fifteen years. He was secretary of the Iowa State Grange six years and four years as traveling lecturer for that organization. Both he and his wife were charter members of the Methodist Protestant church, which was organized in Hixon Grove in 1867. Mr. Murphy helped build it and has acted as its secretary and

treasurer and was honored by every office in the gift of the church. On several occasions he was representative of the Iowa conference to the general conference of the United States of that church, and was the secretary of Iowa state conference of the church for the past forty years and it was at one of its meetings that he was taken ill and died.

He had been postmaster of Murphy postoffice since its establishment in 1891. He was the railroad agent of this station, also owned its one store. He was a member of Newton Lodge No. 39, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was made a Mason at Lynchburg, Ohio, June 24, 1850. He was also a member of the chapter and council of that order.

In politics Mr. Murphy had been a Democrat, ("hard money") Green-backer and Prohibitionist. Later he was a Socialist. Mr. Murphy had been an independent voter for the last forty years, openly championing the right at all times as he saw it.

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#### HENRY I. ALLFREE.

In nearly every community are individuals who by innate ability and sheer force of character rise above their fellows and win for themselves conspicuous places in public esteem. Such a one is the well-known gentleman whose name appears above, a man who has been identified with the history of Jasper county for a period of forty-five years, for his entire life has been spent here, his mature years having been closely interwoven with the material growth and development of the central part of the county, while his career as a progressive man of affairs has been synonymous with all that is upright and honorable in citizenship.

Henry I. Allfree, well-known farmer of Sherman township, was born in that township, May 19, 1860, and he is the son of A. K. and Sophia (McGovern) Allfree, both born in Pennsylvania, the father in 1826 and the mother in 1830, where they grew to maturity and were married. In 1857 they came to Iowa and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Sherman township and here established a good home, this land now being owned by his son, Henry I., of this review, and on this place the latter was born and reared. The father drove overland from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, to Jasper county, Iowa, though he stopped a year in Ohio and a year in Illinois. He and his wife went to work with a will and succeeded and they are still living on the farm they developed in Sherman township, making their home with their son, Henry I., who delights in ministering to their wants in their declin-

ing years. He is the younger of two children, the other being Mrs. Clara Phelps, of Colfax. The parents are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church, are well known and have a host of good friends in this community.

Henry L. Allfree grew up on the home farm, which he helped develop, and when old enough he attended the public school near his home. When a small boy he spent almost all of three years in the saddle, herding cattle on the open prairie, and driving stock for some of his neighbors, and during those years he had many thrilling experiences, but this life developed in him not only a strong constitution, but also an independence of spirit and a courageousness that have stood him well in hand in later life. The subject has always stayed at home, and, as intimated, he now runs the home place, which he has purchased. He has kept it well improved, and made its one hundred and sixty acres yield abundant harvests. He is also the owner of one hundred and forty acres of valuable and desirable land in Mound Prairie township, this county. For a period of fifteen years he has operated a threshing machine in this community which has tended to further his acquaintance and to increase his annual income. He is known to be a very hard and persistent worker and is noted for accomplishing a great deal in a short time.

Mr. Allfree was married on October 15, 1898, to Belle Sanderson, who was born in Ohio, the daughter of James Sanderson, of Newton township, this county, and to the subject and wife have been born five children, namely: Minnie, Mary, Jimmie, Edith and Vera. Politically, Mr. Allfree is a Democrat and he has been school director and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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#### LOYD D. JONES.

Standing for upright manhood and progressive citizenship, Loyd D. Jones has long occupied a conspicuous place among the representatives of the great agricultural interests of Jasper county and his influence in every relation of life has been for the material advancement of the community in which he resides and the moral welfare of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

Mr. Jones was born in Ohio, December 16, 1840, and he is the son of Thomas and Lucinda (Triplet) Jones, both of whom were natives of Virginia. By trade the father was a moulder, continuing at this work all his life. He and his wife emigrated from Virginia to Licking county, Ohio, at an early



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day and there they both died when their son, Loyd D., was a small boy. Mr. Jones then went to make his home with Benjamin Dean, with whom he remained until he was nineteen years of age. Dean was a good man and did all he could for the friendless boy, sending him to school and in every way possible taking the place of a father. He was a hotel keeper. At the age of nineteen Mr. Jones came to Illinois, where he farmed for over two years, after which he came to Newton, Iowa, and engaged successfully in farming near there for twenty-five years, having arrived in this county in the fall of 1857. Newton was then but a small village and the whole country was practically undeveloped and new, and Mr. Jones has lived to see and take part in its wonderful transformation. Aside from farming and stock-raising, he followed threshing all over the county. In March, 1906, he came to Reasnor and purchased the residence and property where he now lives, conducting a hotel and livery barn for two years, but since then he has lived retired.

Mr. Jones was one of the honored "boys in blue," having enlisted in the Federal army at Newton, in 1861, becoming a member of Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After serving about eighteen months he was discharged and sent home owing to a disability, being injured at the siege of Vicksburg. He had taken part in that siege and the battles of Port Gibson and Champion's Hill.

In 1866 Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Catherine Gifford, daughter of William and Sarah (Ritter) Gifford, both natives of Ohio and both now deceased. The father was a hotel-keeper and owned a large farm near Canton, Ohio, at the time of his death.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, namely: Thomas W., who has remained unmarried, resides at home; Libbie married William Lark and they live in Des Moines. The subject and wife reared Ella Hales, the daughter of a sister of Mrs. Jones, who is at this time making her home with the subject.

On February 28, 1910, Mrs. Jones departed this life at the age of fifty-four years. She was a member of the Christian church at Newton, of which Mr. Jones is also a member. She was a most excellent woman, beloved by all who knew her.

Mr. Jones was a member of Garrett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Newton for a number of years. He had no brother and but one sister, Mrs. Leonidas Ball, of Woodson, Illinois, who died about eleven years ago.

Mr. Jones is a genial, kindly gentleman, of that type of sturdy manhood that has made Jasper county what it is.

## W. F. LOUPEE.

One of Jasper county's substantial and influential citizens is W. F. Loupee, who lives about a half mile north of the city of Newton, his fine farm representing much hard labor, but he is a man of well-known energy and determination in business affairs, indolence and idleness having ever been entirely foreign to his nature, and his continued activity in the management and development of his property has made his one of the valuable farms of the county.

Mr. Loupee was born on August 27, 1853, in Cass county, Michigan, the son of George and Julia (Philo) Loupee, the father a native of Germany, born on March 15, 1826. When a babe two and one-half years old he was brought to America by his parents, in an old-style sailing vessel, which, during the voyage, was driven on a rock upon which it stuck fast for thirty-six hours. The family soon came on to Massillon, Ohio, but a few years later moved to Michigan, where the elder Loupee died. His son, George, father of the subject, learned the cooper's trade, which he followed during the winter months, engaging in farming in the summer time, following this for about four years, then he traded his farm of eighty acres for ninety-six acres in Jasper county and for three years he farmed in Kellogg township, then took his family back to Michigan, but retained his farm here, returning to it five years later, in 1860, and there he lived until 1905, successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits, then retired and moved to Newton, where his death occurred on Christmas day, 1908, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1875. After her death he married Henrietta Rhuark. Louis, brother of George Loupee, uncle of the subject, served in the Civil war, and was promoted from private to the rank of captain for meritorious service. Eight children were born to George Loupee and his first wife, namely: W. F., of this sketch; Henry is farming in Newton township; two children died in infancy; Estella married Angelo Smith and they live on a farm in South Dakota; Sarah married W. A. Walker and lives in New Sharon; Minnie married E. M. McBroom and they live on a farm at Laurel, Iowa; Addie married E. E. Broughton, who is in a furniture store in Belmont, Iowa. Six children were born to George Loupee and his second wife, named as follows: John, who is living in Malaka township, this county; Cyrus also lives there; Ida married D. R. Munn and they live on a farm in South Dakota; Mya, who has remained unmarried, lives in Malaka township; Josie married Herman Oartwig and they live near Baxter; George, who is still single, lives in Malaka township. The mother of the above named children passed to her rest on September 30, 1910.

W. F. Loupee received his schooling in the district schools in Michigan and Jasper county. When he reached his majority he was united in marriage with Mary Smith Wing, on March 3, 1874. She is descended from a distinguished ancestry, being a direct descendant on her father's side of Edward Fuller, who was one of the famous band of Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock on the "Mayflower." Her father, Elijah Wing, was the son of Mary (Smith) Wing, who was the only daughter of Josiah Smith, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and who subsequently became a United States senator from Massachusetts, and a monument erected at his grave in that state bears the following inscription: "Hon. Josiah Smith, U. S. Senator for Massachusetts, died April 4, 1802, aged 65 years."

Elijah Wing was born in Massachusetts and in that state he was married to Katheryne Barge, which union resulted in the birth of five children, as follows: Mary Smith Wing, who married W. F. Loupee, of this sketch, her birth occurring on December 10, 1857, at Geneseo, Illinois. It will be noticed that she bears the name of her illustrious ancestor, Smith; she was the youngest of the family. The others are: Jane E. married Joseph Lodge, formerly a farmer of Kellogg township, but they now live in Cedar Rapids; Roxana, wife of Judge Cook, lives in Cedar Rapids; he was formerly judge of the district court, and lived in Newton; he was twice elected to Congress from this district. He is now attorney for the Chicago & Milwaukee railroad and is one of the distinguished men of the state. Melissa Wing married William Renshaw, formerly a farmer in Kellogg township, and her death occurred at Stewart, Iowa. Melancthon, formerly a farmer in Mariposa township, is now living in Omaha.

Mr. Wing was accidentally killed in a runaway in Newton when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife died in Algona, Iowa, in 1884, at the age of seventy-two years. They came to Jasper county in 1867, and became well established and well known here, honored by all for their integrity and hospitality.

W. F. Loupee has always been an agriculturist. His first purchase of land was eighty acres, with his earnings, in Mariposa township, which he sold two years later, but soon afterwards bought one hundred and forty acres in Kellogg township, and after four years he sold that and later bought one hundred and eighty-five acres in the same township. He cultivated that place with his usual success for ten years, then sold it and bought one hundred and fifty-eight acres in Newton township, for which he paid seventy-five dollars per acre in 1891. This fine farm he sold five years later for one hundred and fifteen dollars per acre. In the meantime he had bought two hundred acres in

Kellogg township, which he retained three years before selling. At the present time he has an interest in two farms in Kellogg township, besides his handsome home in the suburbs of Newton, which is modernly furnished and in the midst of attractive surroundings, his holdings here comprising twenty-five acres of valuable land. This place he purchased five years ago and has since erected the splendid residence there, and this has been his place of abode ever since, leading a retired life, merely overseeing his farms. He has been very successful in a business way, considering the fact that he started in life for himself with nothing and has fought his own way to the front, having long been regarded as one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers in the county. Fraternally, he is a member of the blue lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, also the Knights Templar and the Royal Arch degrees have been conferred on him. He is a dimitted member of the Order of the Eastern Star chapter at Kellogg. Mrs. Loupee is a faithful member of the Congregational church in Newton, and they both stand high in social circles in this vicinity, enjoying the good will and esteem of a vast number of friends and acquaintances.

To Mr. and Mrs. Loupee have been born the following children: Anna married Marion Williams; they live in Kellogg township and have four children; Gertrude is a teacher of much ability, having taught several of the rural schools, and in Lynnyville, Sully and Sac City; Fanny married Fred Whitaker; they own a farm in Kellogg township, but are now living in Newton, and they have two children; Jay T., who lives in Kellogg township, married Hannah Anderson, daughter of H. P. Anderson, and they have three children; Floy, who recently completed the four years' course in the Newton high school, is an accomplished musician. These children have all been educated in the Newton schools and the daughters have all taught school, except the youngest.

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#### A. T. GUTHRIE.

Among those whose life history is closely interwoven into that of Jasper county is A. T. Guthrie. He is the son of Isaac and Martha Guthrie and was born in Palo Alto township, Jasper county, Iowa, June 22, 1859. His parents emigrated from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1853, taking up land in Jasper county which is still in the family. The story so often recited of the hardships and privations of the early settlers in a new country is the story of the parents of the subject of this sketch, and the boyhood of A. T. Guthrie

was replete with the weird charm and rugged romance of the wilderness. It was from this primitive surrounding, from this nearness to God's great unclaimed solitude, that the little pioneer boy drank in that strength of manhood and sterling worth which stamp him as one of Jasper county's best citizens. Mr. Guthrie moved to Cairo, Nebraska, at the age of twenty-two, where for a time, he engaged in farming with very good success, and there in Hall county he owns a splendid farm of one hundred and sixty acres. That region was at that time very new and the land yielded readily to cultivation. After a period of six years Mr. Guthrie returned to Jasper county, Iowa. It was upon his return to Iowa that he was married to Agnes Stewart in 1888, whose history will be treated in detail later in this article. The next move of Mr. Guthrie was to Holyoke, Phillips county, Colorado, where the subject engaged in farming. He was elected sheriff of the county by the Republicans and served in that capacity two terms of two years each, performing his duties well and efficiently. Upon retiring from the office of sheriff he engaged in the implement business for six years, after which he sold out and returned to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1902, where he has since resided.

Mr. Guthrie is the owner of a splendid farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Jasper county, one mile south of Newton known as the old Andy Stewart farm. Aside from general farming Mr. Guthrie is engaged in the raising of thoroughbred stock, registered Percheron and Shire horses, short-horn cattle, Shropshire sheep. He owns a fine set of farm buildings, furnished with many modern, up-to-date conveniences.

Mr. Guthrie is a member and steward in the Presbyterian church and is affiliated with the blue lodge and Royal Arch Masons at Newton, Iowa. He is the oldest of three children now living, having one brother, Charles Guthrie, and a sister, Mrs. Lillie Spencer, wife of Bert Spencer, all residing in Jasper county and all of them prosperous people.

Agnes Guthrie, wife of the subject of this sketch, is a daughter of Andrew Stewart, who came to America from Scotland in 1865, engaging in the coal mining industry. Her mother's name was Mary Stewart and no hardier or better people ever come to any country than they. By their industry and frugality they came to own one of the best farms in all the county. Mrs. Guthrie was seven years of age when she came to this country, and, with the exception of her sojourn in Colorado with her husband, has since resided in Jasper county, Iowa. She is the type of the thrifty housewife, a good mother and a woman of rare discernment and intelligence. She is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie, the eldest, Stewart L. Guthrie, being twenty years of age; Vernon A. Guthrie, seventeen years, and Frank A. Guthrie, aged thirteen years. They are also raising a young lady, Violet Wilson Guthrie, aged fifteen years. All reside at home with their parents and assist in the farming and stock raising, the stock raising being conducted under the name of "A. T. Guthrie & Sons."

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#### ELMER LINCOLN GILLESPIE.

Success has been worthily attained by Elmer Lincoln Gillespie, who is today accounted one of the prosperous farmers and substantial citizens of Rock Creek township, Jasper county. To his energy, enterprise, careful management and keen discernment his present station in life is attributed. He started upon his career as an independent factor with no large amount of outside assistance and he is now the owner of a very desirable farm property and occupies a conspicuous place in the list of the county's agriculturists, being well known here, as was his father before him, this family having come here in pioneer times and its various members have played no inconspicuous role in the drama of advanced civilization here.

Mr. Gillespie was born in the township in which he still maintains his home, on September 24, 1865, the son of George Washington C. and Virtue (Turner) Gillespie, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of England, the latter having been brought to America by her parents when four years of age. They came to Iowa in an early day and later, in 1864, settled in Jasper county on a farm, having first lived at Burlington, then Knoxville, Marion county. They bought a place of forty acres in Rock Creek township when they came here, and, prospering, he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres in Audubon county, which the elder Gillespie finally had divided among his children. His son and daughter, A. D. and Mary Gillespie, still live on the Jasper county farm, a separate sketch of the former appearing herein. During his life time he supported the Republican ticket, but never aspired to public office. His family consisted of eight children, six of whom are living.

Elmer L. Gillespie was reared on the home farm in Jasper county and was educated in the public schools, and early in life took up farming for himself, in 1890 buying a farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Rock Creek township which he still owns and which he manages in a manner that it yields

abundant returns for the labor expended on it. Here he has erected a large, modern and attractive residence and a good barn and other buildings. He always keeps a good grade of live stock and this, together with general agricultural pursuits, has resulted in a competency.

Politically, Mr. Gillespie is independent and he and his wife belong to the Society of Friends.

In 1884 the subject was united in marriage with Saphrona See, a native of Story county, Iowa, and the daughter of George and Priscilla See. The latter died in Story county when Mrs. Gillespie was but six years of age, and the father subsequently moved to Jasper county, being one of the old settlers here.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, namely: Harry L., who married Ruby Pugh; Roy died in infancy; Chetta L. is the wife of Warren McDonald; Floy J. is the wife of E. E. McDonald, Port Angeles, Washington; Minnie P. is the wife of W. A. Thomas; Roe E.; Lawrence died when fourteen months old.

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#### F. J. COFFEY.

Frank J. Coffey was born January 10, 1871, in Kansas, and is the son of W. G. and Cynthia (Williams) Coffey, the father being a native of Kentucky and the mother of Tennessee. Mr. Coffey's parents came from Kentucky to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1859 and engaged in farming near there. This they continued until 1861, when the father enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was recruited at Des Moines. The father served for nearly four years in the great civil conflict, being mustered out at the close of the war. He served under Sherman and took part in some of the most important battles of the war. After the end of the great conflict, he came back to the farm, where he remained until 1870, when he with his family went to Kansas, where the subject of this review was born. While in Kansas the family took up a homestead and farmed for five years, after which time they returned to Iowa. The father now lives retired at Monroe. In 1905 the mother died and later the father remarried, his second wife being Mrs. J. N. Shaw. In politics Mr. Coffey's father is a Republican.

The subject of this review is one of eight children, five of whom are living: Susan, the eldest, died in infancy; W. E., born in 1861, died at the age of thirty; Ella, wife of Adam Hoxel, a retired farmer, resides at Indianola, Iowa; D. W., born in 1868, is in the grocery business at Iowa City; F. J.,

the subject, is next in order of birth; Mary E., born in 1873, died in 1889; Lottie, wife of James McMichael, a farmer, resides at Carlisle, Iowa; Tennie, wife of John Custer, a merchant, resides in Monroe, Iowa.

The subject of this sketch began working for himself at the age of twenty-four on a farm near Monroe. Later he went into the grocery business at Monroe, which he continued for six years. At the expiration of that period he sold out and engaged in the hardware business at Monroe, which he continued for three years. After that he came to Reasnor and purchased the general store of Fred Roberts, which business he has continued ever since. He deals in groceries, dry goods, notions, shoes and sundries of all kinds.

On June 7, 1896, Mr. Coffey was united in marriage with Leo Pomeroy, daughter of W. K. and Amanda (Smith) Pomeroy, her father being a native of Pennsylvania and her mother of Illinois. Mrs. Coffey's father still lives, being in the soldiers' home at Marshalltown, Iowa, her mother dying when Mrs. Coffey was but a child. Mrs. Coffey's father was a Union soldier during the Civil war.

To Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have been born four children, all of whom are living, namely: Ruth, born May 28, 1897; Tennie, born January 26, 1906; Carl, born March 26, 1908, and Mary, born August 16, 1911. All are at home, the eldest being in high school at Monroe. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coffey are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Reasnor. Mr. Coffey is a member of Monroe Lodge No. 277, Knights of Pythias, at Monroe, of which lodge he is a past chancellor. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World at Reasnor.

Mr. Coffey has always been a man of public spirit, interested in the progressive movements of his country.

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#### JOHN H. SPARKS.

Another of the old soldiers of Jasper county is John H. Sparks, a venerable farmer of Lynn Grove township, and it gives the historian no small degree of pleasure to place his life history on record, partly because of his services to his country during her direst need, partly because of the fact that he is one of our respected pioneers and partly because of his life of integrity and kindness. The records of the lives of such men should be obtained before it is too late to get the full particulars from their own lips. Their sacrifices were too great not to deserve ample mention in the pages of history. It meant



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a great deal for the citizen-soldier to quit all pursuits and go away to war with the chances against him of ever coming back, or if he did return it would probably be with shattered health for the remainder of his life or in a crippled condition. But such was the chance taken willingly by Mr. Sparks; in fact, he seemed to enjoy taking chances for his country. Let us learn a little more about this sterling old soldier and pioneer. He was born in Washington county, Indiana, about seventy-six years ago, the son of Matthew and Lucy (Calloway) Sparks, the father born in Kentucky and the mother in Indiana. The former crossed the Ohio river into the Hoosier state when a young man and there married and began life for himself as a farmer. In 1855 the family came to Jasper county, Iowa, and, starting life anew as pioneers, built up a good farm and a good home in which they spent the balance of their earthly days, the mother dying after a comparatively short residence in the new state. They were the parents of twelve children. The mother was a member of the Christian church.

John H. Sparks was educated in the old-time public schools of Indiana and Iowa, but his text-book training was not very extensive, as was the custom of farmers' boys in those days, especially the sons of pioneers as was he, for it was necessary for him to spend the major part of the year assisting in the general farm work.

In 1861 Mr. Sparks enlisted in Company B, Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with much credit for a period of three years. He saw hard service and participated, among other engagements, in those of the famous siege of Vicksburg, battles of Iuka, Mississippi, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. He received an honorable discharge in July, 1864.

After his career as a soldier Mr. Sparks returned to his old home in Iowa and resumed farming, and soon bought eighty acres in Lynn Grove township. It was wild land, but he soon had it broke, properly improved and under cultivation, and from time to time he added such improvements as were needed, and established a good home and here he still resides. He has not done much work on the place for some time, renting it at times, and leaving the operation of it mostly to his sons. Politically, he is a Republican.

Mr. Sparks was married on April 29, 1866, to Ellen Mathews, a native of Illinois, from which state she moved to Iowa when a child with her parents, Matthew T. and Nancy Mathews, who were very early settlers in Jasper county.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sparks, namely: Lucy, Perry, Jerry, Moses, Richard, Ray, Robert, Ruth and Guy.

## FRANK CARPENTER, M. D.

To achieve an eminent standing in as exacting a calling as the medical profession requires something more than mediocre talents—a fidelity to duty and the happy faculty of winning and retaining the confidence and good will of all classes. These qualifications the gentleman whose life record is briefly outlined in the following paragraphs seems to possess, for he has, unaided, gradually overcome all obstacles until he stands in the front rank of the medical profession of Jasper county, a locality widely known for the high order of its medical talent.

Dr. Lewis Walter Frank Carpenter, of Reasnor, was born in Adams county, Illinois, July 15, 1869, and he is the son of Lewis J. and Sarah E. (Rood) Carpenter, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. At the close of the Civil war Lewis J. Carpenter began the practice of medicine and surgery in Schuyler county, Illinois, where he remained for ten years, then, in 1878, he came to Jasper county, Iowa, locating at Adamson's Grove, where he resumed his profession and there continued six years, then moved to Galesburg where he remained a few years, then went to Pella, Marion county, where he now resides, doing principally office work. He is seventy-five years old and his wife is sixty-eight.

Dr. Frank Carpenter received a good education in the common schools and he began life for himself when nineteen years old by teaching school, which he followed two years, after which he went to Des Moines where he was conductor on the street railway for three years. He then went to Killduff and engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a general store with much success until 1900. He had long desired to take up the practice of medicine, and in that year he entered Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, taking the full four years course in the medical department, graduating in 1904, after which he moved to Ira, Jasper county, in July of that year, and began practicing, being successful from the start, and he remained there until April 1, 1906, when he came to Reasnor, where he has since resided, meeting with great success as a general practitioner.

On April 6, 1890, Doctor Carpenter was united in marriage with Anna Zwank, daughter of Jacob and Anna (DeBruyn) Zwank, both natives of Holland, where they grew to maturity, emigrating to America when young and located in Pella, Iowa, where Mrs. Carpenter was born. The father is deceased, but the mother, who has re-married, is living in Newton. Mr. Zwank devoted his life to farming.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter one child has been born, Fred Elton Carpenter, whose birth occurred on June 21, 1892, in this county; he is attending Drake University, studying medicine.

Doctor Carpenter is one of three brothers, all of whom are living: Oscar Orville, born in 1867, is a practicing physician and surgeon in Sully; Doctor Frank is the second in order of birth; Fred Farley is a practicing physician at Pella, Iowa, and he was born in 1871.

Mrs. Dr. Carpenter is one of eight children, five girls and three boys, of whom seven are living, namely: Ira lives near Reasnor; Peter and Harmon are farming in this county; Mrs. George Efner lives near Reasnor; Bessie married Clarence Landmesser, a farmer living near Killduff; Lillie is the wife of Earl Cary, cashier of the Bank of Lynnville; Ollie died in 1890. Mrs. Carpenter was born September 9, 1871.

Doctor Carpenter is a member of the American Medical Association, and the Iowa State and Jasper County Medical societies. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Galesburg, of the Knights of Pythias of Monroe, and the Improved Order of Red Men of Des Moines; also the Woodmen of the World at Galesburg, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Sully. He stands high in all these orders. Mrs. Carpenter is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Galesburg, and she belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Reasnor, also the Ladies' Aid Society of that church. She has long been active in church and Sunday school work. Politically, the Doctor is a Democrat.

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#### JOHN CLAUSSEN.

Claus (John) Claussen, aged sixty-six years, was born in Swopsteadt, Germany, March 19, 1844, his father being Hans Claussen, a native of Germany, who died in Jasper county, Iowa, on a farm at the advanced age of eighty-six years, his mother being also a native of Germany, her maiden name being Margaret (Block) Claussen, she dying in Germany at the age of thirty years. Mr. Claussen has only one full sister and no brother, but as his father married twice after the death of his mother, he has three half brothers and three half sisters, all of whom reside in Jasper county. The name of his sister is Christina Reinke, and she is the widow of William Reineke, residing in Carroll county, Iowa.

The life history of Mr. Claussen is most interesting. He was but twenty-one years of age when he came to America, coming alone and landing

at New York. From there he went to Davenport, Iowa, and engaged in the butcher business. After a nine months' stay in Davenport, he came to Newton, Iowa, where he has since remained. It was something near a year and a half after coming to Newton that Mr. Claussen purchased the two and one-half acres upon which his residence now stands. Starting with very little, he set resolutely to work at his trade of butcher and to this small purchase kept adding and adding until at one time he was one of the large land owners in the county, owning over five hundred acres of land. Subsequent reverses and misfortunes, such as often overtake the most far-sighted and resolute, have lost him a considerable portion of this property, but Mr. Claussen is still well fixed and is as cheerful and undaunted as the day he first landed in Jasper county.

After Mr. Claussen had secured a foothold in this county he sent money back to Germany with which to bring four brothers and sisters over here and at all times he was a considerate and dutiful son.

On October 1, 1868, Mr. Claussen was married to Mary Klopping, herself a native of Germany, her father being Conrad Klopping and her mother Elizabeth (Reinke) Klopping, also a native of Germany. Mrs. Claussen came with her parents to America when she was but eight years of age and recounts that the ship that carried them was an old sailing vessel which was driven by contrary winds far out of her course. Eleven weeks they were upon the seas before they made port and when, after their provisions were almost exhausted, they came to land, it was the port of New Orleans they entered instead of New York as was first intended. Mrs. Claussen states that much of their trouble came from the fact that their captain was making his first voyage to America and was inexperienced. Even at the time of landing he would have run his ship aground upon a sand bar, but for a pilot who came off from the shore and set them right. Mrs. Claussen's parents both died in Jasper county, Iowa, her father four years after coming to America, her mother thirty-six years after coming to this country. Mrs. Claussen is one of seven children, of whom two besides herself are living: Elizabeth Klopping, a half sister (Mrs. Claussen's mother having been married twice), resides in Newton, is the widow of William Klopping, deceased, a cousin of Mrs. Claussen upon her father's side; Louise Myers, widow of John Myers, deceased, is a full sister of Mrs. Claussen, and is seventy-one years of age and resides in Newton.

Mrs. Claussen has at all times been a loyal and cheerful companion and helpmate to her husband, working with him to raise money with which to bring his brothers and sisters over to America from Germany and entering

with spirit and sympathy into all his undertakings. She remembers much of interest concerning the growth of the county and the changes that have come since 1853 when she came here. There were only thirty houses here when she came and Sunday school was held in the old court house. Land was sold at five dollars per acre and she saw the first court house in the county built.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Claassen, six of whom are living: Frederick, aged forty-one, resides in Boone, Iowa, his wife's maiden name being May Woodard; Leonora, aged thirty-nine years, is the wife of the Rev. W. McMillan, and resides in Eureka, Illinois; Arthur, aged thirty-seven, is unmarried and lives at home; Christopher, aged thirty-five years, resides in Waterman, state of Washington, his wife's maiden name being Etta Bowker; Henry, of Moline, Illinois; Walter, aged twenty-nine, resides in Newton, his wife's maiden name being Maude Atkins; Una Margaret died in infancy.

Besides farming, Mr. Claassen has always paid much attention to stock buying, being still engaged in that business to a considerable extent. He is and always has been a public-spirited citizen, giving liberally towards many public enterprises. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church.

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#### FREDERICK A. EATON.

Jasper county is characterized by her full share of the pioneer element who have done so much for the development of the county and the establishment of the institutions of civilization in this fertile and well-favored section. The biographical sketches in this volume are largely of this class of useful citizens and it is not in the least too early to record in print the principal items in the lives of these hard-working and honest people, giving honor to whom honor is due. They will soon be gone and the past can have no better history or memento than these records. Of this worthy class the name of Frederick A. Eaton, long a prominent farmer of the county, but now living in retirement in Newton, should receive specific mention, for during his active years here he has been conspicuous because of his activity and the progressive and enterprising spirit displayed by him in all the phases of our citizenship.

Mr. Eaton was born of sterling old New England parents, in Rutland county, Vermont, November 12, 1820, being the son of Horace and Amanda (Molten) Eaton, both natives of Vermont, who emigrated to Ohio when their

son, Frederick A., was eight years old and there they remained, becoming well established, until about 1868 when they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying about 1884; he was peddler and collector. There were three children in his family, two by his first wife and one by his second wife, Mrs. Emma Hyatt, of Grand Junction, Colorado, a half-sister of the subject, being the other living child. Frederick A. Eaton received a good education in the public schools of his day, and he was twenty-one years of age when he came to Illinois; after remaining there two or three years he returned to Ohio, where he married and remained two years, then came to Jasper county, Iowa, in the spring of 1856, locating on a farm five miles east of Newton, which he developed into an excellent farm and where he established a most comfortable home, in which he remained until 1897, when he moved to Newton. He has lived to see and take part in the wonderful transformation of the county. The present thriving city of Newton was a brush patch when he first came here. He was for a long period regarded as one of our most progressive farmers and stock men. In 1897 he was elected county recorder, in which position he served most faithfully and well for four years. He had previously served as trustee of Kellogg township. He is a stanch Democrat. In 1870 he was commissioned as census taker for eight townships in Jasper county, which appointment was made without his solicitation or knowledge, the petition having been sent to Washington by a large number of citizens who recognized the peculiar ability of Mr. Eaton for this work, and useless to add that he filled the place acceptably. He was also assessor of Buena Vista and later of Kellogg townships.

Mr. Eaton was married on October 13, 1853, in Ohio, to Caroline M. Hodges, who was born in New York, her parents removing from that state to Ohio when she was twelve years of age. Their family consisted of twelve children, namely: Frankie died when thirteen years of age; W. O. lives four miles north of Newton on a farm; Alma is the wife of George Hart, of Newton; Carrie is the wife of Gus Erickson, of Red Oak, Iowa; Arthur T. lives in Newton; Truman lives in Kellogg township; Harry E., who lives at Shenandoah, Iowa, is one of the three state pharmacist commissioners; Fred lives near San Diego, California; Horace died in Newton about 1906; Sherman is deceased; Addie is the wife of Alton Reynolds, of Denver; Belle is deceased.

Mr. Eaton is in his eighty-first year and Mrs. Eaton was in her seventyninth year when, with her husband on a visit to her daughter in Colorado, she died on December 4, 1911. They had traversed through the sunshine and shadow of life's uneven road, hand in hand, for a period of fifty-eight years, this union having been a fortunate and happy one. Mr. Eaton has never been

sick and is still hale and hearty. They were a fine old couple whom everybody respected and admired, for their lives were exemplary and they sought to do all the good possible. Mr. Eaton belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally is a Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree. Mrs. Eaton was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Eaton handled live stock on an extensive scale for over twenty years while on the farm. Although a man of meager schooling, he was prevailed upon to teach a school in Jasper county in the pioneer days, after he had been here only a short time, teaching in a log house, handling the school with great success; he was later offered license by Superintendent Lufkin. He has always been a loyal supporter of movements having as their object the general good.

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#### HENRY HERWEHE.

An illustration of high-grade skill as a farmer as well as the ability to concentrate efforts along some special line until success is achieved in that undertaking is found in the case of Henry Herwehe, of Fairview township, a man who takes a general interest in the affairs of his community, but who has never sought to be a leader in public affairs, being satisfied to discharge his obligations as a citizen by lending his support at the ballot box to such men as, in his opinion, will discharge their official duties with the utmost conscientiousness and integrity.

Mr. Herwehe was born in Des Moines township, this county, March 10, 1858, of German parentage, being the son of Philip and Mary (Vance) Herwehe, both born in Mannheim, Germany, the father in 1820 and the mother in 1831, and they grew up and married in their native country and there began life on the farm. They emigrated to America in 1855, locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where the father worked as a laborer one summer. In the fall of that year they came to Jasper county, Iowa, and rented land near Vandalia. He soon had a good start and in the year 1859 he bought thirty-six acres in Fairview township, and at his death in 1879 he owned a farm of seventy-five acres and another of one hundred acres and one of sixty-eight acres. Politically, he was a Democrat and a member of the German Methodist church. His widow survived over twenty years, dying in 1902. They were the parents of three sons and five daughters, of whom Henry, of this sketch, was the seventh in order of birth.

Henry Herwehe was reared on the home farm and when but a boy assisted with the general work about the place. He received his education in the district schools and he remained at home. After his father's death, he began renting the home place, later buying out the other heirs. He has been most successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and as he prospered he has added to his original holdings until he is now the owner of as valuable land as this part of the county affords, aggregating four hundred and forty acres, all in Fairview township. He has kept the place under modern improvements and has a good home and convenient outbuildings, and has set out a splendid grove.

Politically, Mr. Herwehe is a Democrat and in religious matters he belongs to the Methodist church. He was married on April 24, 1884, to Anna K. Whitmer, a native of Jasper county and the daughter of George Whitmer, one of the early settlers of the county. The subject's living children are, Hannah, George, Mrs. Ella Walker, Nettie, Grover, Murl, Anna May, Pearl and Viola.

Mr. Herwehe has a cane which he values highly, it having been carved out of one of the logs in the house in which he was born. The log was cut in 1846 by J. Bruner, uncle of the subject. Everything was open prairie here during the boyhood of Mr. Herwehe and there were few settlers. He has watched the county develop into one of the richest agricultural sections in Iowa.

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#### CHARLES FREMONT ROSS.

One of the up-to-date farmers and stockraisers of Elk Creek township, Jasper county, who has worked hard for what he now possesses is Charles Fremont Ross. He knows how to appreciate the true dignity of labor and to place a correct estimate upon the value of money. Nevertheless, he is liberal in his benefactions and stands ever ready to support with his influence and means all measures for the material and moral welfare of the community in which he has so long resided. Among those who know him best he bears a reputation of a man who exercises sound judgment and who has pronounced views and he keeps himself well informed upon all matters pertaining to the public weal or woe and always exercises the duties of citizenship in a conscientious manner.

Mr. Ross was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, on July 10, 1856. He is the son of Elisha and Eliza Ann (Shanklin) Ross, the father born in Seville,



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Ohio, September 11, 1818, and the mother in Onondago county, New York, on November 24, 1824. The mother moved to Ohio with John Carns, who was her foster parent, her mother having died when Mrs. Eliza A. Ross was six years old. The parents of the subject grew up in Ohio and were married there. From Seville, that state, they moved to Lee county, Iowa, in 1854, and bought a farm there. After living there a short time they moved to Van Buren county and bought forty acres. In 1862 he left his family on the farm and went to Idaho where he remained three years, working out, and in 1865 he returned to Iowa and brought his family to Jasper county. He traded for sixty-five acres in Elk Creek township on which he lived until his death, on February 25, 1868. Politically, he was a Republican and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow survived many years, dying on September 5, 1906, outliving her husband nearly forty years.

There were three sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Ross, namely: Robert, H. Craig and Charles Fremont, of this sketch, the subject being the second in order of birth.

Charles F. Ross helped with the work on the home farm and he attended school at Pleasant View and Galesburg. When sixteen years of age he left his parental roof-tree and began working out by the month, which he continued to do until he was twenty years old. Then he rented a farm two years, after which he bought forty acres of the home place to which he later added twenty-five acres, now owning a valuable little place of sixty-five acres, which he has placed under excellent improvements, having put most of the buildings on the same. Politically, he is a Republican and he belongs to the Evangelical church.

Mr. Ross was married on September 28, 1876, to Almeda Lucretia Smith, who was born in Palo Alto township, Jasper county, Iowa, on October 20, 1857, and here she grew up and attended the common schools in her district. She is the daughter of William J. Smith, a very early settler in this county. He was born in 1834 in Knox county, Ohio, and he came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1856, settling in Palo Alto township in a log-house and there he spent several years, later moving to Elk Creek township where he became the owner of eighty acres. His death occurred on August 28, 1911, after a fairly successful and well spent life, having reached an advanced age and died knowing that he left behind a host of friends and no enemies. He had outlived his wife about forty-five years, she having passed away on February 21, 1866. He was justice of the peace for many years, giving eminent satisfaction in this office. He belonged to the Methodist church.

Twelve children, seven of whom are living, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross, namely: William Albert, Frank, Zel, Harry, Robert Lee, Ruth and Edith and five who died young.

Politically, Mr. Ross is a staunch Republican, and he belongs to the Evangelical church. Personally, he is a genial, neighborly man, who delights in a good joke and likes to see others happy.

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#### HARMON V. VAN EPPS

A man of sterling worth and character is Harmon V. Van Epps. Fearless and uncompromising where principle is involved, he is one of the sturdy spirits so valuable to any community, and yet he is unassuming and cares little for the admiring plaudits of the world, merely striving to do his full duty as a citizen at all times. Although now well along in years, he is keen and alert in every faculty and can look serenely backward over a life well spent, with no compunction for wrong doing, and forward with no fear. He is one of the substantial citizens of Jasper county. He probably owes his thrift and sterling qualities to characteristics inherited from a long line of Dutch ancestors, which traces back to the coming of the Pilgrim Fathers. This new republic of ours can boast of few families who can trace their ancestors back so far. The first of the family to emigrate to our shores was Dirk Van Epps (or Eppn, as it was then spelled). He was one of the Pilgrims who came from Holland in 1620. He first settled in the city of New York and later in Albany, New York. Johanas, his son, was the first settler in Schenectady county, New York. His estate was on the north side of the Mohawk river, near Hoffman's Ferry. He was captured by the Indians and held a prisoner by them for about three years, when he was rescued. During the time he was a captive he learned their language and customs and he was later appointed ambassador to the Five Nations by the government. The third in line of descent was Jan Baptist (John the Baptist), son of Johanas. The fourth in line was Johanas, who was born May 5, 1700, the son of Jan Baptist. He was a slave-holder and kept a tavern at Hoffman's Ferry in Schenectady county. The windows in the building were supplied with thick wooden shutters, which were always carefully closed at night, and often in the morning Indian arrows would be found sticking in them. His son, Jan Baptist, fifth in line, was the grandfather of the subject. Charles, his son, sixth in line, and father of the subject, was born April 12, 1783, in the state of New York, near Hoffman's

Ferry. He was twice married, his second wife, Angelina Vedder, being the mother of the subject. She was born September 17, 1804, in the state of New York. By the father's first marriage four children were born, namely: Annie M., deceased, married George Johnson; Simon, deceased; Susan, who remained single, is deceased; John C., born in 1821, came west with his parents; he was a member of the famous "Gray Beard" regiment of Iowa in the Civil war; his death occurred in Davenport, Iowa. The other three children all died in New York. By the second marriage of Charles Van Epps the following children were born: Charles Henry, born November 25, 1825, lived in Cedar county, Iowa, a number of years, then moved to California, where he died; Elias Vedder, born September 10, 1828, was a sharpshooter in an Illinois regiment during the Civil war and was in many an important engagement; he was in the grocery business in Davenport, Iowa, but was living retired at the time of his death; Sebastian Gonsaulus, born April 19, 1830, died September 25, 1847; he was in the Mexican war; Albert C., born December 21, 1831, was a member of Company D, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war; he was a resident of Newton up to three years ago, when he moved to California, in which state his death occurred; Agnes, born September 7, 1833, is the wife of S. V. Stacy, a retired farmer living in Davenport, Iowa; Harmon V., subject of this sketch, was born October 30, 1835, in Albany county, New York; Cornelius, born April 16, 1838, resides at Sheldon, O'Brian county, Iowa; he came here during the first settlement of the county, entered a claim and has continued to reside here; during the Civil war he was a member of the Mississippi Marine Brigade; Mary Angelica, born July 4, 1840, died when six years old; William Henry Harrison, born April 21, 1841, who went to Nebraska in 1870, is still living there; during the Civil war he served four years in Company D, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry; Rebecca V., born January 22, 1843, is now the widow of Herman Block, formerly a prominent lawyer of Davenport; a son, Lewis, is in partnership with Judge Bollinger, of that place; Sarah Eliza, born July 17, 1845, married Price Cunningham, a brother of the wife of the subject; they are now living at Spokane, Washington; Theodore C., born February 15, 1847, who was formerly engaged in the real estate business at Olympia, Washington, is now living in California.

In May, 1852, Charles Van Epps, father of the subject, moved with his family to Iowa, locating near Davenport, in Scott county, where he engaged in farming, later bought three hundred and twenty acres in Clinton county. He became fairly well-to-do and was highly respected. His death occurred on October 16, 1855. His widow survived until October 8, 1880, when she died at Davenport.

Harmon V. Van Epps, of this review, began working for himself on a farm when he reached his majority. A few years later, in 1860, he bought forty acres of land in Muscatine county, later bought forty acres more, and a few years later an eighty-acre tract. Selling his holdings in 1884, he came to Jasper county and bought a half section of land in Buena Vista township, just south of Kellogg. This he held for twelve years, then sold it and purchased a place southeast of Newton, just outside the city limits. A few years later he sold this and bought property on East Main street in Newton. This he still owns. In 1910 he bought twenty-one acres adjoining the city on the east, on which he erected a modern, spacious and beautifully located home. Here he has a fine young orchard, comprising two hundred cherry trees and two hundred peach and apple trees, this attractive home being known as "Cherry Grove Place."

On November 29, 1860, Mr. Van Epps was united in marriage with Amanda M. Cunningham, who was born in Noble county, Indiana, on October 29, 1840, the daughter of Levi and Fidelia (Schoonover) Cunningham. Her father was born near Cleveland, Ohio, February 13, 1813, and died September 22, 1883. Her mother was born in Genesee county, New York, May 29, 1814, and died in December, 1899. The father of Mrs. Van Epps was a blacksmith by trade, also engaged in farming in Noble county, Indiana. He came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1846 and bought land. He was one of the courageous adventurers who crossed the great western plains to the California gold fields in 1849. He was fairly successful and returned to Iowa, but made a second trip to the Eldorado on the Pacific coast in 1852, on the same mission, being in the same company with Horace Greeley, the famous editor and politician. In 1873 he came to Jasper county and bought forty acres of land in Newton township, and here he lived until shortly before his death, which occurred while on a visit to his daughter in Missouri. After his death his widow married Jacob Lambert, and they are both now deceased.

Mrs. Van Epps is one of a family of seven children, namely: Esther married Aretus Schoonover, now deceased, and she is living at Lake Park, Oregon; Price, now living at Spokane, Washington, was a soldier during the Civil war in the Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry; he accompanied his father to California on his quest for gold; Dorleska married David Daly and she died in Colorado; Olive R. married Albert Van Epps and lives at San Diego, California; Mary married David Coyl and died in Missouri; Wallace is living on a farm in South Dakota, which he homesteaded in 1910, near Edgmont. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Canada, which he homesteaded.

To Mr. and Mrs. Van Epps four children have been born, two of whom are now living, namely: Harry, born October 6, 1861, a machinist, living at Newton, married Ida Reynolds, who died, leaving two children, Percy R., who makes his home with his grandparents, and Nellie Grace, who died in infancy. Harry Van Epps later married Ada Baugh, and they have one child, Arthur E. Edwin P. Van Epps was born September 1, 1865, farmed in Buena Vista township and died in February, 1911, leaving a widow and two children, Bertha and Merl E. Fannie R., born October 17, 1873, died January 15, 1896. Wilmont Stacy, born January 14, 1877, lives in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is an optician; he married Jennie Rowland.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Van Epps are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has served as steward and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Reptblican, and has long been interested in the general progress of his locality in all lines.

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#### EBENEZER W. HENRY.

Jasper county has been greatly indebted to the old Keystone state for the many enterprising citizens she has sent here to assist in developing the same, placing this locality on a par with any in the national Union. Of this worthy number Ebenezer W. Henry, now living retired in the town of Monroe, is worthy of special mention. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1853, and he is the son of John and Jane (White) Henry, both natives of the same vicinity in which the subject was born. The father was a farmer and stock man, dealing in sheep and other stock of fine blood, and was one of the substantial and highly respected men of that county. He never came West except to visit, and his death occurred in Pennsylvania at the age of sixty-three years, his wife dying there also at about the same age. He was a great reader and a deep thinker, kept well informed. He was active in political affairs and took a prominent part in church work as well as in other public matters designed for the good of his fellow men. His family consisted of four children, all sons and all still living, namely: Robert and Joseph reside in Pennsylvania; Lewis lives in Asheville, North Carolina; Ebenezer W. of this review; they are all well-to-do and highly honored citizens.

Ebenezer W. Henry received a good education and up until 1870 he worked at home on the farm, then came west to Jasper county, Iowa, where he has remained ever since, with the exception of a short stay in the West coast

country. Upon his arrival here he bought one hundred and twenty acres five miles north of Monroe and began farming. A year after its purchase he was married, on April 28, 1881, to Athalia A. Andrews, daughter of G. B. and Martha (Winegar) Andrews, of Washington county, New York. Mrs. Henry's parents were farmers and early settlers of Iowa, having come to Jasper county in 1857, finding here a wild, unsettled region. The father had come here previously and entered one hundred acres of land, to which he later added sixty acres, and finally had an excellent farm which he still owns and occupies. He is a fine old pioneer gentleman and is known all over the county as "Squire" from the fact that he served as justice of the peace many years. He was one of the early teachers in this county, and at one time taught a term of school in his home while his family were back East on a visit. He has always been a man of splendid public spirit and he has ably served his township in many capacities. He is now advanced in years, having been born in 1829; his wife, who is still living, was born in 1836. They are the parents of three children, namely: Harriet Wheeler, wife of Ellsworth Wheeler, is living with her parents on the old farm; Lavonia Kinart, wife of Alfred Kinart, who lives in Harrisonville, Missouri; and Athalia A., wife of Mr. Henry.

After living on his farm twelve years, Mr. Henry came to the town of Monroe and entered into partnership with Orcutt Brothers in the general lumber and grain business, and he continued successfully in this line for a period of eight years, then failing health forced him to retire and move to California; however, he remained there but a year when he came back to Monroe where he has since lived retired.

Few men in all Jasper county are better or more favorably known than Mr. Henry. Of wide experience, well read, honest, obliging and broad in his sympathies, he has ever enjoyed the confidence of all classes. While living on the farm he served his township in nearly every capacity, and the town of Monroe soon demanded his services upon his removal here, and for twelve years he was a member of the city council, and for two terms served as a member of the school board. He was at one time a member of the county committee, and in fact, he has always taken more or less interest in political and public affairs.

Mr. Henry is also prominent in lodge circles, being a member of Fairview Lodge No. 194, of Monroe, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master. He is also a member of Monroe Lodge No. 277, Knights of Pythias, being a past chancellor commander of that order.

Mrs. Henry is a woman of rare accomplishments and charming personality. She is a member of Fairview Chapter No. 229, Order of the Eastern Star, of Monroe, being a past worthy matron. She is also a member of the Pythian Sisters, of which she is at present treasurer. She also holds a past chief certificate. Socially, she has long been a favorite with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She is a member of the well known P. E. O. society and also the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Monroe, of which he is a steward; he is at present teaching in the Sunday school and was at one time superintendent of the Sunday school for three years. Mrs. Henry is a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Politically, the subject is a Republican. He is a director in the State Savings Bank at Monroe, and, having been successful in whatever he has turned his attention to, is now in possession of an ample competency.

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#### JEREMIAH W. WILSON

An enumeration of those men of the past generation in Jasper county who won honor and recognition for themselves, and at the same time honored the locality to which they belonged, would be incomplete were there failure to make mention of the well remembered and highly revered gentleman whose name introduces this biographical memoir, Jeremiah W. Wilson, late of Newton, who has been called to a higher sphere of action by the fate that awaits all mankind, but the good he did during a long and strenuous life will long mould and pervade the lives of those with whom he came into contact.

Mr. Wilson was born on August 8, 1834, in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. When a boy he attended an academy at Poland, Ohio, and afterwards entered Mt. Union College, in the same state. Early in life he evinced a laudable ambition to follow the legal profession and began reading Blackstone and other authorities with McSweeney & Given, in the city of Wooster, Ohio, one of the strongest law firms in the north part of the state in those days. He made rapid progress and was admitted to the bar at Medina, Ohio, September 21, 1855. The following year he moved to Newton, Iowa, where he continued to reside until his death on May 6, 1887. His widow has continued to live there in her attractive and neatly kept home, which is regarded by her many friends as a place of hospitality and good cheer.

Mr. Wilson was an attorney who ranked second to none in this part of the state, being well grounded in the principles of jurisprudence and very painstaking and vigilant in his research. He took an abiding interest in public affairs and in October, 1861, he was elected county judge of Jasper county, which high office he held with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned until in August of the following year when he resigned to offer his services in defense of the Union, enlisting in Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He proved to be a very faithful and gallant soldier, and for meritorious service he was promoted to the rank of adjutant of his regiment in 1864, which rank he held until the close of the war, winning the hearty approval of his superior officers and the admiration of his men. After being honorably discharged he returned to Newton and resumed the practice of law. On January 1, 1878, he was appointed aide-de-camp to Governor Kirkwood of Iowa, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and he remained as such while the administration of Governor Kirkwood lasted, giving, as usual, the utmost satisfaction.

Mr. Wilson had taken a great interest in Masonry. From the annals of the grand lodge of Iowa in 1878 we take the following exactments by Hon. H. S. Winslow, gives the Masonic history of the deceased brother Wilson: "His Masonic history is a most honorable one; he was initiated in Newton Lodge No. 59, January 28, 1858; he passed July 31st of that year and joined on August 28th following. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon him in Gebal Chapter No. 12, October 21, 1869. He was knighted in Oriental Commandery No. 22, March 22, 1872. His daily life indicated that he attempted to carry out the lofty precepts of this worthy and time-honored order."

Mr. Wilson was united in marriage in 1859 to Mary M. Helphrey, a lady of culture and refinement and the representative of an excellent old family. She was born in Utica, Licking county, Ohio, and she was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Helphrey, who moved to Newton, Iowa, where they were residing when the subject was married. To this union three children were born, namely: Mrs. W. W. Fenlon, of Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. P. W. Newell, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Dollie Baum, of Newton, Iowa. They were all well educated and are very comfortably situated in life and highly respected wherever they are known, each reflecting the wholesome home atmosphere in the midst of which they were reared.

Mrs. Wilson, whose cozy and attractive home is located at No. 221 South Vine street, Newton, is spending her declining years in the midst of plenty and she has a host of warm loyal friends who delight in her genial company.

## JAMES HICKEY.

So many things must be considered in the development of a county, state or nation, that neither the biographer nor historian can place a finger upon some one certain element or quality and say: "Here we have the very essence of this land's development and the keynote of its future." But one thing there is that we may be certain and that thing is sturdy manhood wherever we find it and no matter under what conditions. The history of the great county of Jasper, part and parcel as it is of the splendid commonwealth of Iowa, would indeed be incomplete without the biography of James Hickey, and in this statement there is no mawkish sentiment, no fulsome flattery. Well may any division of people take pride in the good citizenship, in the culture and refinement of one of their native born, for Mr. Hickey was born in Newton, the county seat of the county, August 13, 1859, and has resided in the county ever since. He has watched it grow from a wilderness of raw prairie, peopled by howling wolves, and the haunt of wild deer into its present splendid fulfillment of well repaid husbandry. When he came to his present residence, he was but ten years old and the great rolling land about him presented no such aspect of well kept field and winding roadway as now.

His father, James Hickey, was a native of Ireland, immigrating to Ohio and coming to Jasper county from Carrollton, in that state, in company with old Dr. Hunter in 1842. His mother, Hannah (Tewey) Hickey, was also a native of Ireland. In 1860 Mr. Hickey's father purchased the eighty acres of land now occupied by the subject of this sketch as a residence, purchasing the same from Abraham Carrier for twenty-four dollars per acre. It was upon this land he was making his home when death claimed him thirty-five years prior to this writing. His mother departed this life in March, 1905, while making her home with her daughter, Nora, in Newton.

Mr. Hickey, the subject of this sketch, is one of a family of six children, two boys and four girls. Those living are: Mrs. Nora Murphy, wife of Patrick Murphy, resides in Newton; Lida Harboldt, wife of Christopher Harboldt, residing near Goddard, Iowa; Mary Wilkinson, wife of Joseph Wilkinson, resides in Pomona, California.

On May 13, 1885, Mr. Hickey was united in marriage to Hannah O'Rourke, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Corkery) O'Rourke, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Both of Mrs. Hickey's parents are dead. Mrs. Hickey was born in Monroe, Green county, Wisconsin, in 1860, and is one of eight children, seven of whom survive, namely: William and John, who re-

side in South Dakota; Charles and Patrick reside in Monroe, Wisconsin; Lawrence, a traveling salesman for an electrical company, resides in California; James, residing in Asher, Iowa; one sister is dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickey have four children: William J., born September 14, 1886, is in Des Moines, Iowa; Margaret Allen, wife of Frank Allen, born November 26, 1887, resides upon a farm in Jasper county; Mamie Robinson, wife of William J. Robinson, a traveling salesman, resides in Brenton, Canada, and was born April 10, 1889; James Francis, born June 6, 1895, makes his home with his parents.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hickey are people of culture and refinement, Mr. Hickey being an inveterate and consistent reader and possessed of an excellent library. Both he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church, and are beloved by their wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Both have striven to give to their children the best that can be had by way of training and education. To pass an hour in conversation with James Hickey is a keen pleasure, for he has a mind rich in knowledge acquired from broad experience as well as from the reading of good books. Then above all he has the quick sympathy and kindness which dwells in the hearts of all true Irishmen.

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#### HENRY A. PERRIN.

It is hard for the present generation to properly appreciate the brave deeds of the "boys in blue," who sacrificed so much on the altar of patriotism during the sixties, but as years go by the immensity of their deeds will be realized to a fuller extent and each veteran will be accorded full measure of credit and praise. Henry A. Perrin, well known citizen of Monroe, Fairview township, Jasper county, is one of this band of patriots and a man who is esteemed not only because of his unselfish deeds in behalf of his country, but also for his exemplary home life.

Mr. Perrin was born April 11, 1844, in Clinton county, Ohio, and he is the son of Conrad and Elizabeth Ann (West) Perrin, natives of Ohio. The father, who devoted his life to carpentering, came to Iowa in 1856 and settled in VanBuren county, having made the long journey principally by steamboat and partly by rail to Keokuk and from there by stage to Keosauqua, thence to Polk county in 1858, where he settled on a farm which his sons operated. Here the family remained until 1862, when they moved to Marion county where they lived until the fall of 1865, in which period they came to Monroe,

Jasper county, where they have since remained. The home was broken up after the death of the mother, the father having moved to Adams county where he made his home with a son until his death, at the advanced age of ninety years. He was born in 1810. He was a stanch Whig, later a Republican. His family consisted of twelve children, of whom six are living, namely: Ellen is the widow of Eber Parish, of Knoxville, Iowa; Henry A., of this review; Elias H. lives in Prescott, Iowa; Mary Baker is the widow of Eugene Baker, of Deer Lodge, Montana; Samuel T. lives in Columbia, South Dakota; Clayborn L. lives in Des Moines. Four died when children, and Jane died when twenty-two years of age and Margaret when twenty years old.

When Henry A. Perrin was seventeen years old he enlisted in August, 1861, in Company B, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was sent to St. Louis and later to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where the winter was spent; in the spring of 1862 they were sent to Yazoo, Mississippi, and from there to Helena, Arkansas. Mr. Perrin took part in a number of engagements and saw considerable hard service. Among the battles in which he participated were Iuka and Corinth, the siege and fall of Vicksburg, and the battle of Helena, Arkansas. Later he was transferred to the Fourth Veteran Reserve at Rock Island on account of a severe rupture, and on September 6, 1864, he was mustered out of service at Milwaukee. Soon afterward he returned to Monroe, Jasper county, and took up carpenter work, which he had learned under his father, and this has been his occupation all the years of his active life, and being a very skilled and conscientious workman he was always in great demand.

On April 2, 1871, Mr. Perrin was united in marriage with Emma Labar, daughter of Silas and Sarah Labar, of Pennsylvania both of whom died in that state. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Perrin, namely: Winnie married J. W. Burke, of Kellogg, Iowa; Harry J., Elmer G., Clarence and Nellie G., all live in the village of Monroe.

Mr. Perrin is a member of Shelledy Post No. 84, Grand Army of the Republic, of Monroe, of which he has twice been commander. He is a member of the Baptist church of Monroe. He has always taken much interest in local affairs and in 1897 he was appointed postmaster of Monroe and he proved to be such an able and efficient public servant that he has held this position ever since, his son, H. J., being his assistant and his daughter, Nellie G., is clerk in the same. The son, H. J. Perrin, is a young man of much business ability and is well known and much liked. He has spent his life in Monroe. He is a member of Fairview Lodge No. 194, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Monroe, also of Jasper Lodge No. 168, Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, of Monroe, of which he is past grand; he is also a member of Monroe Encampment No. 60, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past chief patriarch and at present fills the office of scribe; he is also affiliated with Eureka Rebekah Lodge No. 52, and Camp No. 7806, Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Baptist church.

The Perrins have always been regarded as among the leading families in the southern part of Jasper county and they have done much for the general development of the same.

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#### CUSTER BROTHERS & WRIGHT.

One of the most popular and best known mercantile firms in Jasper county is that of Custer Bros. & Wright, grocers, of Monroe, whose rapidly growing business and large success has been due to the honesty, enterprise and foresight of the managers, and they have long enjoyed the confidence and good will of their hundreds of patrons from all over the county.

Charles R. Custer was born in Monroe, Iowa, May 23, 1870, and he is the son of Aaron and Hullena (White) Custer, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio; they were married in the last named state. They came west in 1869, settling in Monroe, this county, where the father engaged in his trade of carpenter and cabinet-maker. He then formed a partnership and launched out in the furniture business. This firm built the brick block now occupied by the O'Connor & Perrin restaurant. Aaron Custer then sold out and engaged in the general fire insurance business for a few years after which he started a lumber yard in company with Messrs. Dixon and Runnels, which business, in partnership, and later, individually, he continued eighteen years. It was during this time that he was elected for two terms to the General Assembly of Iowa, on the Republican ticket, and he made a brilliant record there, winning the hearty approval of his constituents and the leaders of his party. After disposing of his lumber business he moved to Missouri, where he again resumed this line of endeavor. He owned and operated a big mill at Ash Hill, that state, for some time. At the end of three years he returned to Monroe, where, the first year, he built a number of dwelling houses. Later he built the business rooms now occupied by the firm of Custer Bros. & Wright, Mr. Custer up until his death, August 17, 1907, age sixty-three, being connected with the firm, then known as Custer, Wright & Company. In the passing away of this, one of the most prominent citizens of the early days in Jasper county, the community lost a stalwart,

brainy, influential man. He probably did more for Monroe than any other citizen and at all times its best interests were his. He served as its mayor, as a councilman, upon its school board and also served his township in numerous capacities, always with credit to himself and to the great satisfaction of the people. At one time he organized a factory for the manufacture of wood novelties and to do general wood work, which factory was later moved to Missouri. Of a decidedly inventive mind, Mr. Custer worked for years on a system of dry separation for refractory ores, principally gold and silver, which work, since his death, has been taken up by his sons, who are at present perfecting the system and the machine. Every detail and element of the invention is covered by patent and the invention bids fair to revolutionize mining in refractory ore regions. At one time Aaron Custer did his utmost to interest capital in the development of a mineral paint, the raw materials for which are in large deposits not far from Monroe. He partly succeeded, but matters over which he had no control prevented the success of the enterprise. His widow still lives in Monroe, also three children, Mary Wright, wife of C. B. Wright, Charles and John Custer, who, with Mr. Wright, compose the present firm.

On January 19, 1902, Charles Custer was united in marriage with Millie Bond, the daughter of S. A. and Lydia Bond. In politics both he and his brother are Republicans. John W. Custer married Tennie Coffey, the daughter of William Coffey, who resides in Monroe.

C. B. Wright, the third member of the firm, was born July 13, 1864, in Morrow county, Ohio, and is the son of Joseph P. and Victorine (Jackson) Wright, the father born in the state of New York and the mother in Connecticut. These parents were married in Ohio and are now both deceased, the father dying in Jasper county, Iowa, and the mother in Ohio.

As a young man Joseph P. Wright, mentioned above, farmed until the breaking out of the Civil war, when, on August 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving as a brave and efficient soldier until he was sent home on account of sickness. Among other engagements in which he took part was the battle of Arkansas Post. After the war he began a mercantile business in Bloomfield, Ohio, which he conducted until the spring of 1870, when he came to Monroe. He purchased land south of town, where he lived until 1874, when he moved onto a farm north of Monroe. In 1879 he bought a farm a mile east of Bellevue church and here his death occurred in 1891 at an advanced age. The elder Wright was a splendid Christian gentleman, loyal to all the best that life holds. A sincere worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, he served it in nearly every capacity except

pastor. He was also deeply interested in educational work and was for years assessor of his township. He died beloved by all who knew him.

C. B. Wright, his son, is the only surviving child of his parents. He came to Monroe in 1802 and entered the grocery business, becoming a member of the firm of Moore & Wright. This continued until the fall of 1893, when the firm became Wright & Talmadge, and later he was in business alone for one year, having bought out Mr. Talmadge, then his grocery merged with the general store of Custer, Wright & Company.

On February 14, 1880, Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Mary Custer, daughter of Aaron Custer. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Monroe, Mr. Wright being one of the stewards. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Fairview Lodge No. 194, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Monroe, of which he is past master. He is also a member of Jasper Lodge No. 168, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Monroe, of which he has been a member many years, also of Monroe Encampment No. 60, of which he is past chief and past noble grand. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, having been banker of that order for a number of years. He was formerly a member of the town council and was trustee of Fairview township for six years.

Besides his mercantile business, Mr. Wright is also president of the Monroe Telephone Company, the large and rapidly growing success of which has been due to his efforts and able management.

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#### CYRUS NOLIN.

The career of the well known and highly respected gentleman whose name forms the introduction to this sketch illustrates forcibly the possibilities that are open to men of earnest purpose, integrity and sterling business qualifications. A well spent life and an honorable career constitute the record of Cyrus Nolin, who was born in Fairview township, Jasper county, Iowa, on January 7, 1858, and here he has been content to spend his life, being still a resident of this locality. He is the son of George W. and Susanna (Harcourt) Nolin, the father born on the banks of White river, Indiana, May 16, 1829, and the mother was a native of Green county, Wisconsin, having been born near Monroe in 1837. Grandfather Nolin lost his parents when quite young. His father was married before and his mother married after the death of George W.'s father. The latter was the only child of that union, and he was

brought up by his uncle, John Crist, but he left his uncle's home at the age of sixteen years and started in life for himself. He had thus spent thirteen years with his uncle, since he was three years old when taken to his home in Wisconsin. At the age of twenty-one George W. Nolin came with a party of friends and relatives to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1850, and located at Monroe. He first worked in the blacksmith shop of Jacob Kipp and Louis Hummel, and he became an expert blacksmith and gunsmith. He soon bought eighty acres five miles east of Monroe and paid twenty-five per cent interest on the money he borrowed to enter the land from the government. In those days game was plentiful here, the country being wild and unsettled, and George W. Nolin became a famous hunter. He is said to have killed more deer than any man in this locality, being an expert shot. He located a shop on his farm and divided his attention between the two. At the time of his death, July 28, 1886, he owned one hundred and seventy acres. He was a natural mechanical genius and his services as a blacksmith and gunsmith were in great demand. He was a strong advocate of anti-slavery, and the fugitive slave law was the only law of his country he refused to obey, he and his neighbors materially assisting slaves. After the Civil war he was a J. B. Weaver man and followed him in politics.

Cyrus Nolin was the oldest child by the first marriage of George W. Nolin, his first wife dying at the age of nineteen years. He subsequently married Mary Jane Thorne and to the second union ten children were born. The maternal grandparents of the subject, Daniel and Jane (McCall) Harcourt, came to Jasper county in 1850. This family was of English descent, as the name implies, and Daniel Harcourt was a cousin of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Cyrus Nolin attended the Oak Grove district school. Being the oldest son, he managed the farm and much responsibility and hard work fell to his lot when a boy, but he was thrifty and learned to be a mechanic from his father, and he has done some very skillful work. When a young man he took up land in Kansas, but he later returned to Iowa, not liking the Sunflower state so well as his own. He then worked at the carpenter's trade for three years at Newton. Then leasing a coal mine four miles south of Monroe, he operated that for three years. His next venture was to buy one hundred and sixty acres, five miles east of Monroe. He rented his land in 1000 and opened a blacksmith shop in Reasnor, this county.

Mr. Nolin became an active silver Democrat in the campaign of 1860. He got up the largest political gathering ever seen in Reasnor. He was a leader in local Democratic affairs and was township committeeman for some time. After managing his shop three years he returned to the farm. He has

been very successful in a business way, being a man of progressive ideas, a hard worker and a good manager, and he is now the owner of five hundred and seventy-one acres of valuable land in Jasper county, which he keeps under modern improvements. In the spring of 1910 he moved to Monroe, where he has since lived retired in his beautiful home, having come here for the benefit of the schooling for his children.

Mr. Nolin was married on June 7, 1882, to Robena Marshall, who was born near Glasgow, Scotland, July 10, 1862, the daughter of Robert Marshall, who came to Jasper county in 1865. To this union have been born the following children: Robert G., who married Elsa Butin died on the 24th of November, 1909, at the age of twenty-four years; William H., who is a farmer in this county, married Grace L. Jarnagin; Elvin M. married Cattalina Fennema; Mary is at home with her parents.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY FRANCE.

A painstaking, twentieth-century farmer of Elk Creek township is William Henry France, who is a native of the "Show Me" state, which may account for his ability to demonstrate to all spectators his skill in husbandry. He was reared upon the farm and from his earliest years the sight of herds of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses was a daily occurrence. Youthful experiences are the strongest, and accordingly the lessons of the farm thus taught from infancy found a secure lodgment in his understanding. No young man could have better equipment for the duties of the farm than he received. There was the sound judgment of his father and there were the sleek herds and the beautiful fields of growing grain. In addition to all this he was given a good common school education and in every way fitted for his future successful life upon the farm. Another thing, he selected a splendid woman to share his joys and sorrows, his triumphs and defeats, which come in the course of the years to everyone, and thus equipped he began the battle of life on his own account, and so it is not surprising that success has attended his efforts all along the line.

William H. France was born in Mercer county, Missouri, on December 11, 1858, but most of his life has been spent in Iowa. He is the son of Orville Henry France and Margaret Worth Clary France, the father born in Fulton county, Illinois, on May 23, 1834, and the mother near Louisville, Kentucky,



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. FRANCE



on August 1, 1834. The latter came to Fulton county, Illinois, with her parents, Richard and Ann Clary, from Kentucky in early life and there she grew to womanhood and received her education. The father of the subject also grew up and was educated in the state of Illinois, and there they were married. He began life as a farmer in the Prairie state, but soon after his marriage left there and moved to Iowa, where he remained two years, then went to Missouri where his son, William Henry, of this sketch, was born on a rented farm. Not long afterwards the family went back to Illinois and resumed farming, remaining there until 1869, when they came again to Iowa, locating in Jasper county, the father buying fifty-four acres in Elk Creek township. There he got a good start and, by good management and persistent effort, prospered, later adding to his original purchase until he owned two hundred and fifty-four acres and there he farmed on a large scale and raised considerable live stock of various grades. In 1894 he sold out and moved to Clark county, this state, where he owned three excellent farms, which he subsequently sold and then moved to St. Charles, Iowa, where his wife's death occurred in 1906. Then he sold out and removed back to his old boyhood community in Fulton county, Illinois, and this is his present place of abode. He has been successful in his life work beyond the average farmer and now in his old age is enjoying the comforts of life as a result of his former years of activity. Politically, he is a Democrat and in religious matters belongs to the Methodist Protestant church.

To Orville H. France and wife four sons and three daughters were born, of whom the subject of this biographical review was the fifth in order of birth; the others are, Mrs. Mary M. Pahr, deceased; Ella Belle, deceased; Mrs. Roxy L. Bucklew, Alfonzo W., Leonard W., and a son who died in infancy.

William H. France, of this sketch, attended the district schools of Illinois and Iowa, and he began assisting with the work on the farm when a mere child; at ten years old he began driving a team and a few years later found him a regular farm hand in the harvest fields. He remained under his parental roof-tree until he was married. He then purchased forty acres, which forms a part of his present farm and he has continued to reside here to the present time. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has kept well tilled and well improved. He has built all the buildings which are now to be seen on the place, and they are substantial and convenient, in fact, everything about him indicates good judgment and a fair measure of prosperity.

Mr. France was married on April 2, 1884, to Almina Bedora Smith, who was born in Lincoln county, Ohio, on March 21, 1860. She was the daughter of John J. Smith, who first came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1854. Mrs. France was a woman of many commendable characteristics, and she was called to her reward on November 24, 1900. One son, Loren Wilson France, whose birth occurred on March 28, 1887, was the only child born to the subject and wife and he is now assisting his father on the home place.

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#### HARLAN MEREDITH.

Agriculture has been an honored vocation from the earliest ages and as a usual thing men of honorable and humane impulses, as well as those of energy and thrift, have been patrons of husbandry. The free out-of-door life known to the tiller of the soil has a decided tendency to foster and develop that independence of mind and self-reliance which characterizes true manhood, and no truer blessing can befall a boy than to be reared in close touch with nature in the healthful, life-inspiring labor of the fields. It has always been the fruitful soil from which have sprung the moral bone and sinew of the country, and the majority of our nation's great warriors, renowned statesmen and distinguished men of letters were born on the farm and were indebted largely to its early influence for the distinction which they attained. From the farm came the Merediths, one of the honored and representative families of Jasper county, of whom Harlan Meredith, one of Linn Grove township's most progressive young agriculturists, is a worthy member.

Mr. Meredith was born in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, August 21, 1870, the son of Robert and Alice Rachel (Sheridan) Meredith, both natives of Indiana, the father born at Westfield, on July 13, 1846, and the mother in Henry county on March 17, 1850. The father moved from Indiana with his parents about 1863 to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and there he grew to manhood. It was about three years later, in 1865, that Alice R. Sheridan left the Hoosier state and came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where she met and married Robert Meredith in October, 1868. Their parents had settled on adjoining farms, so the parents of the subject practically grew up together from childhood. Robert Meredith was a very industrious and thrifty young man and a large degree of success always attended his efforts, and as the years passed he has accumulated valuable and desirable lands aggregating eight hundred and fifty acres, mostly in Poweshiek county; this he has placed

under excellent improvements and a high state of cultivation. In 1880 he and his family moved to Lynnville, Jasper county, this state, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land near the town, and there the elder Meredith prospered, added to his holdings from time to time and became known as one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of this part of the county. In 1909, having accumulated a competency, he and his wife retired from active life and moved to California, where they established their permanent home, turning the farms here over to the son, Harlan, of this review, who has full charge of them, and he has operated the same in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability, keen discernment and progressive ideas.

In 1890 Robert Meredith started on a trip around the world, which he completed in a year and six days. Upon his return he embodied his interesting experiences in a book entitled "Around the World on Sixty Dollars." It attained a large sale almost immediately after publication, having been issued in a number of editions, and it has been placed in many schools over the country for its educational interest. It is well and entertainingly written, having a pleasing literary finish and conception and is a most worthy contribution to the travel literature of the world. It goes without saying that to make such a trip proves the individual's grit, tact, diplomacy and other attributes of a sterling nature. He stopped quite a while on the Sandwich Islands, where he worked as overseer of a sugar plantation, and he also made an extensive visit to the Holy Land and to Greece. Such a trip is usually made by tourists at the cost of several thousand dollars, and for one to accomplish the feat, by expending only sixty dollars above what he earned during the trip, certainly is criterion enough of his resourcefulness. He is now engaged in the real estate and orange growing business in California. Robert Meredith has always been a very progressive man along educational lines, and each of his children excepting the youngest is a graduate of Penn College and has had one or more years in some Eastern institution.

The son, Harlan Meredith, grew up on the home farm and was educated in the Lynnville high school and Penn College at Oskaloosa, of which institution he is one of the directors. He also spent two years in Columbia University, New York city, taking a course in law, but he has never practiced the profession for which he prepared himself, but returned to Lynnville, Iowa, in the spring of 1907 and has since been engaged in the management of his father's extensive farming interests. He has remained unmarried and his younger sister, Lucile, keeps house for him. There were seven children in the family of Robert Meredith and wife, named as follows: Clara, deceased; Mary Anna married Benjamin L. Miller; Rosella married Harry J. Dutton;

Harlan of this review; Lucile; Ralph Bartlett was next in order of birth; Roberta is the youngest.

Harlan Meredith carries on general farming on an extensive scale and he feeds a large number of cattle annually. He and his father own several tracts of unimproved lands in California and Old Mexico.

This family belongs to the Friends church and are known for their high sense of honor, hospitality, genial natures and steady habits.

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#### A. D. GILLESPIE.

The most of people who have never lived on a farm think that it does not require any special skill to conduct the operations of husbandry. They are accustomed to think that the driving of a team of horses to a plow or harrow, a reaper or a wagon, the scores of other duties connected with general husbandry do not require a finished education or a high degree of intellectual activity. Neither does it to conduct a grocery store a hotel or a foundry. In both cases it does require, however, a thorough knowledge of the subject. The farmer must know how to sow his grain, the best varieties and whether it is in good condition, when to cut his wheat and his grass, when it should be cured, when it is ready to stack, whether it has gone through the sweating process and is ready to thresh—in fact, he must know a thousand such things, without which he is certain to lose heavily, a thing he cannot afford to do, because the farmer's profits are some years small and he must figure very close to the grain if he is adequately repaid for his expenditure of hard labor. Such a farmer is A. D. Gillespie, of Rock Creek township, Jasper county.

Mr. Gillespie was born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1846, the son of George Washington C. and Virtue (Turner) Gillespie, the father born in Tennessee and the mother in England, from which country she came to America with her parents, George and Mary Turner, who located in Philadelphia where they lived for a period of ten years, then moved to Alabama. The paternal grandparents lived and died in Tennessee.

The parents of the subject came to Iowa in 1848 and located at Burlington, coming to Knoxville, Marion county, in 1851, and in 1864 they moved to Jasper county, locating on forty acres which they purchased in Rock Creek township. Here the elder Gillespie set to work with all his courage and soon had a good home and a comfortable income, adding to his original purchase from time to time until he became the owner of two hundred acres of excellent

land on which he lived until his death in 1891, his widow surviving until 1906 when she passed away at the age of eighty-two years. They were highly respected in this part of the county and in fact, wherever they were known. Their family consisted of eight children, six of whom are living. Politically the father was a Republican.

A. D. Gillespie was reared on the home farm which he worked when a boy and attended the public schools in the winter months, later taking a course at Grinnell Academy. He has spent his active life on the home place, having been about eighteen years old when he came here and he and his sister Mary are still operating the homestead, having kept it well improved and well tilled. He raises a diversity of crops and raises considerable live stock. Mr. Gillespie has remained unmarried. Politically he is a Republican.

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#### SAMUEL W. SHAW.

Among the enterprising and progressive farmers of Fairview township, Jasper county, is Samuel W. Shaw, owner of beautiful "South View Farm." He has long been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in this locality, although he is a native of the old Keystone state, and the years of his residence here have but served to strengthen the feeling of admiration on the part of his fellow men owing to the honorable life he has led and the worthy example he has set.

Mr. Shaw was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1848. He is the son of Thomas R. and Rebecca (Robertson) Shaw, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in Allegheny county, November 9, 1809, and the mother's birth occurred on July 12, 1812. They grew up, were educated and married in their native state, and there they became the owner of a farm of one hundred acres. In 1866 they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought two hundred and fifty-five acres just east of the town of Monroe, on the old state road from Oskaloosa to Des Moines. The elder Shaw was a successful farmer, making a specialty of raising wheat. He was a Republican and he served his district as school director. He and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church. His death occurred on October 14, 1894, on the home farm where the subject now lives. He reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, and was able to do considerable work up to the last. His wife preceded him to the silent land in 1893. They were the parents of six children, an equal number of sons and daughters, namely: W. Hamilton, who is living in

Monroe; Mary Ellen, who died in Pennsylvania; Matthew was killed during the Civil war, being a soldier in the Union army, Company B, Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Mrs. Maggie Davidson is deceased; Samuel W. of this sketch, was fifth in order of birth; Mrs. Mattie Monlux is living in Garner, Iowa.

Samuel W. Shaw attended the district schools in Pennsylvania and one winter in Iowa. He grew up on the home farm and remained with his father until the death of the latter. He managed the place after old age overtook the elder Shaw, and he always kept it well cultivated and well improved. He now owns the place, which consists of one hundred and seventy-two acres beautifully located less than a half mile from Monroe. He has long made a specialty of thoroughbred Poland China hogs and Shorthorn cattle.

Politically, Mr. Shaw is a Republican, but he has never been an aspirant for office. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Shaw was married on October 22, 1885, to Cora Ink, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, March 25, 1859, the daughter of Abram Ink, a farmer, who came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, namely: Mrs. Enla McDuff; Florence; Wallace is deceased; William and Raymond.

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#### JOHN VANDERMAST.

Although born under another flag, in a country of widely different customs and surrounded by environments to such as we of America are unused, John Vandermast, the well known, popular and enterprising publisher of the *Monroe Mirror*, has been true to the duties of citizenship, faithful to every trust reposed in him and well worthy the high regard in which he is held. A plain, straightforward, unassuming gentleman who, as a newspaper man, has sought to make his paper one of the most reliable, newsy, instructive and readable in this section of the Hawkeye state, and one would judge from the ever-increasing circulation, the steady growth of his business in a general way and from the many laudatory statements of his hundreds of patrons that he has succeeded admirably well. He seems to have ever had the good of this locality at heart and has advocated and supported every movement calculated to benefit the same in a material, civic or moral way, and he therefore enjoys the good will and esteem of all classes.

Mr. Vandermast was born in the Netherlands on October 13, 1848, and he is the son of Walter and Joanna Hermina (Leselaai) Vandermast, both

born in Holland. The family traces its lineage back for seven hundred years. On the walls of the ancient walled city of Gouda may be seen to this day the name "Vandermast." Certain chronicles of the twelfth century tell of a Vandermast, a great magician, who was able to materialize the departed.

Back in Holland the father of the subject was proprietor of a supply house. He brought his family to America in 1855 when his son John, of this review, was seven years old; the trip was made in a sailing vessel, "Ocean Home," making her first voyage. On her second voyage she sank with all on board. Landing at New Orleans, the family ascended the Mississippi river by steamboat to Keokuk, and from there they journeyed by wagon to Pella, the father walking all the way. He could not speak a word of English. Arriving in Pella, the elder Vandermast began gardening. His death occurred when the subject was sixteen years old, leaving him with the entire care of the mother and four children beside himself, he being the eldest of the five. He assumed his responsibilities manfully and although the experience was hard for one of such tender years it fostered in him such principles and qualities as made for large success in subsequent life. By selling papers, gardening and working at anything he could find to do he kept the family from want. When he was twenty-one years of age his mother married again, and then the subject secured employment with the two newspapers at Pella. Proving apt to learn and taking a deep interest in this line of endeavor, he soon advanced and in due course of time became local editor of the *Blade*, which position he held with satisfaction for three years. Of his brothers and sisters, Joanna and Jane are deceased; Elisha is a farmer in the state of Washington, and Asa is a merchant in Santa Ana, California.

On the day of President Garfield's election, Mr. Vandermast moved into Monroe, Jasper county, having purchased the *Mirror*, which he has owned and edited ever since. It is one of the best equipped offices in the county for job printing and a large amount of work is done in this department. He has a modern and thoroughly equipped plant and only high grade service is recognized here. The *Mirror*, conducted as a Republican paper, is one of the oldest in the county and for years has been one of the influential molders of public opinion in this section of the state.

On October 2, 1872, Mr. Vandermast was united in marriage with Martha Champion, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Champion, both now deceased. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, namely: John Q. is connected with his father's paper; Joseph Walter lives in Buffalo, New York; Leon died in infancy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vandermast are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Monroe. He has been either a teacher or superintendent in the Sunday school here for the past thirty years. He is a trustee in the church. He has been a member of the town council and was formerly town recorder also. Under Harrison's administration he served four years as postmaster. He takes a keen interest in politics and has been a member of the Republican county committee several times and he has frequently served as a delegate to county and state conventions. He never loses an opportunity to make his influence felt for the good of his party. Fraternally, he belongs to Fairview Lodge No. 194, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and both he and Mrs. Vandermast are members of Fairview Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Monroe, of which he is past worthy patron. For a number of years he has been prominent in local fraternal circles.

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#### VICTOR REYNOLDS.

Of the younger business men and farmers of Jasper county, none are more prominent than Victor Reynolds, the subject of this brief review. Alert, genial and of pleasing personality, he is a type of that sturdy American manhood which has made Iowa one of the great states of the union. He was born on January 22, 1873, in Vermilion county, Illinois, being the son of John W. and Mary A. (Morgan) Reynolds, both natives of Illinois. The father died April 4, 1892, at the age of fifty-seven years; the mother still survives and lives in Newton, Iowa. The father was born July 23, 1837, the mother on June 4, 1843.

It was in the fall of 1872 that Mr. Reynolds' father came from Illinois to Jasper county with his family, buying one hundred acres where the home-stead is now, and forty acres more some fifteen years later, paying from twenty dollars to twenty-five dollars per acre for same. Here it was that he made his home until his death, following general farming. He was at all times a man of keen public spirit, and while very just, was very outspoken, always taking a middle-of-the-road position upon any of the great moral or political problems of his day. He enlisted as a northern soldier in the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving as a good and efficient soldier until he was discharged on account of ill health. He held many public offices, being treasurer of the school board, a director of schools, and upon occasions preached in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Reynolds, the subject of this sketch, is one of eight children, one, Dora M., dying in infancy; Alton; Ida, wife of Harry Van Epps, died in 1897; Luella, deceased; Nellie, deceased; Foster, deceased.

On March 22, 1900, Victor Reynolds was united in marriage to Ada L. Simpson, daughter of A. J. and Martha (Flaugh) Simpson. She was born July 19, 1881, in Jasper county, Iowa. Her father and mother are both living near Kellogg. Mrs. Reynolds was one of four children, all of whom are living. To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have been born four children, all boys, named as follows: Foster, born June 27, 1901; Paul, born December 16, 1903; Floyd L., born February 19, 1906; and Robert S., born May 17, 1910.

Mr. Reynolds has always taken an active interest in politics and in the progressive movements of the times. He has been secretary of the school board of his township for twelve years, which office he still holds. He has served five years as township clerk. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Kellogg, and of the Grange at Buena Vista. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school of Pleasant View church for the past six years. In politics Mr. Reynolds is a stanch and outspoken Republican.

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#### CHARLIE B. SCOVILLE.

Charlie B. Scoville was born September 18, 1860, in Buena Vista township, Jasper county, Iowa, and was the son of Joseph and Mary A. (Trotter) Scoville. His father was born near Utica, New York, and his mother was born in Hendricks county, Indiana. His father was born April 13, 1823, and at the age of nine years went with his parents to live in Ohio. Here he stayed until after coming of age. He then lived in Wisconsin for about four years, but in 1854 he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and entered land from the government, he and his two brothers, Bennett and Oratio Scoville, entering about three hundred and sixty acres—one hundred and twenty acres apiece. Bennett Scoville afterwards enlisted in the war in an Iowa regiment and died while in the war. Joseph R. Scoville died in Jasper county, October 29, 1889.

Mr. Scoville's mother was born September 16, 1836, and died in October, 1897, while on a visit to a son in Nebraska. Charlie Scoville was one of five children: William A. lives near Sumner, Nebraska, where he owns a fine farm and conducts a real estate business and farming; James E., born January 10, 1863. For a good many years this brother was lost track of, but after an

extensive search he was located in Minnesota, suffering from tuberculosis, from which disease he died six weeks after being brought back home to Jasper county. He was unmarried; Hattie M., wife of Robert S. Miller, born February 8, 1865, lives on a farm in Kellogg township, near the home of the subject; Martha E., wife of Ed. Van Eps, born January 25, 1867, lives in Buena Vista township on a farm; he died in 1911.

The subject of this sketch was married to Lucy J. Mark, daughter of Samuel and Fanny Mark, June 17, 1895. She was born September 16, 1868, in Marion county, Iowa. Her parents were both natives of Ohio. They removed to Iowa and settled in Marion county, and when the daughter, Lucy, was six years old (1876), they moved to Jasper county and bought land in Buena Vista township. Here the father died in 1893. The mother still lives on the place and is sixty-three years old at the time this sketch is written.

Mrs. Scoville was one of seven children, two of whom died in infancy; Rosaltha, who married William Drake, lives on a farm in Kellogg township near the Scovilles; Ada, widow of George Sampson, who was killed by foul air while engaged in boring out a well, lives with her mother at the old home place; and Daisy, who married Charles Sampson, a brother of George, mentioned above. They live on a farm in the northern part of Iowa. Mrs. Scoville's father enlisted in Ohio for the Civil war, and served about three years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Scoville were born four children: Robert Mark, born May 10, 1897; Viola, born February 25, 1901; Emerson, born September 21, 1902; Lester, born May 1, 1899, died in infancy.

Mr. Scoville is the owner of two hundred and twenty-one acres of splendid land, well improved, a part of it being that which his father entered in 1854. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 376 at Kellogg. He has held township offices, such as road commissioner and supervisor, and school director. In politics he is a Republican. He is not affiliated with any church. Mrs. Scoville is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### FRED WHITEHEAD

Conspicuous among Jasper county's most influential and solid citizens and representative business men of central Iowa, Fred Whitehead, although born in alien lands, has, while advancing his individual interests, done much for the general development of this vicinity, with which the latter part of his life has been closely interwoven. A man of sterling worth, unswerving integrity and

progressive ideas, his well regulated life has gained the admiration and respect of all who have come into contact with him.

Mr. Whitehead was born in Somersetshire, England, October 4, 1835, the son of William and Maria (Harris) Whitehead, both natives of England, his father being the third in order of birth in a family of four children born to Thomas Whitehead and wife. William Whitehead was a mason by trade, also followed farming later in life. He emigrated to America with his family in 1845, when the subject was ten years old, and they settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in which city a brother John, uncle of Fred, of this review, had located eight years previously. Leaving Pittsburgh in 1851 William Whitehead moved his family to Chicago, but soon left there and bought a farm near Joliet, Illinois, which he sold in 1856 and moved to Madison county, Iowa, and later to Marion county, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1891, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. He established a good home in the new world, became active in Republican politics and was highly respected wherever he lived. His widow survived him until 1897, when she died at Monroe, Iowa, having attained the ripe age of ninety-one years.

To William Whitehead and wife four children were born, namely: Matilda, who married William F. Reed, a business man of Pittsburgh, died while on a visit to the subject of this sketch at Monroe; Walter is living on a farm in Kansas; his wife died, leaving eight children; Fred of this review; Elizabeth A. is the widow of William A. Hankins, lives with her son, her only child, who is a rancher and stock man in northwestern Nebraska.

Fred Whitehead obtained his education in the country schools, which was later in life supplemented by wide and careful reading on miscellaneous subjects and by actual contact with the world. In speaking of this phase of his life record, he laconically remarked that his early education had been neglected in view of the fact that he had to work instead of go to school. He learned the plumbers' trade in Pittsburgh and also farmed a while prior to the commencement of the Civil war. On August 15, 1861, he proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting at Monroe, Iowa, in Company I, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he proved to be a very faithful defender of the Stars and Stripes, having taken part in the following engagements: Raymond, Jackson (before the siege of Vicksburg), Champion's Hill, siege of Vicksburg, second battle of Jackson, Missionary Ridge, New Madrid, Missouri, and Corinth, Mississippi. He received an honorable discharge and was mustered out on September 28, 1864, at Kingston, Georgia. He was wounded in the battle of Champion's Hill.

After his career in the army Mr. Whitehead returned to Iowa and bought ninety acres in Marion county, for which he paid three dollars and fifty cents per acre. He held this land until five years ago. At the present time he owns a half section of good land in Arkansas and nearly six hundred acres in Tennessee. He also owned considerable land in Nebraska which he later disposed of. In 1804 he retired from active farm life and moved to Monroe, where he has a modern, attractive and pleasant home. He has been very successful in his business operations and is one of the substantial men of the southern part of the county. He has never married.

Mr. Whitehead is a Republican and he cast his first ballot for Fremont. He has always taken an abiding interest in public affairs, especially in whatever tended to the betterment of Jasper county. Personally, he is a genial, obliging and honest gentleman.

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#### W. S. JOHNSON.

Those who know W. S. Johnson, well known editor and publisher of Jasper county, will readily acquiesce in the statement that there is much in his life record worthy of commendation and admiration. Like many other energetic young men who are leaving their impress upon the magnificent development of this favored section of the great Hawkeye commonwealth, he did not wait for a specially brilliant opening. Indeed, he could not wait, for his natural industry would not have permitted him to do so. In his early youth he gave evidence of the possession of traits of character which have made his life exceptionally successful and he is today admittedly one of the useful, public-spirited citizens of the locality of which this history treats, having long had its interests at heart and doing all in his power for its general progress along material, civic and moral lines, thereby becoming a molder of public opinion and winning the confidence and good will of all classes.

Mr. Johnson was born at Worthington, Ohio, October 9, 1860. He is the son of Rev. Silas and Harriet L. (Doolittle) Johnson, the father pastor of the Presbyterian church at Worthington for a number of years, and a prominent figure in that denomination in the Buckeye state, from which the family moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1862, thence to Indianola, this state, in 1867, where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools and Simpson College, located in that city. He later attended the Iowa State University. In 1883 he read law in the office of Young

& Parrish at Leon, Iowa, and the same year was admitted to the bar by the district court and he at once opened an office at Leon, where he engaged in the practice of his profession for about two years. Although he was building up a large clientele and meeting with general success, the law was not exactly to his taste and in 1885 he turned his attention to the field of journalism, purchasing the *Leon Journal*, of which paper he was editor and manager for six years; since then he has been owner and editor of the *Express* at Garden Grove, Iowa, the *Pioneer* at Sanborn, Iowa, and the *Record* in the city of Newton, having bought the latter paper in 1905 and he still continues as editor and owner. He has conducted all these popular newspapers in a manner that reflects much credit on his ability and rendered them very potent factors in the community. He has improved the mechanical appearance of each, making them the disseminators of the brightest and best news of the day, greatly increased the circulation of each and rendered them most valuable advertising mediums. His editorials are always eagerly read and have much weight on whatever topic that is taken up. These papers are easily the peer of any of their class in the state. Mr. Johnson ranks high in the estimation of his professional brethren throughout the country.

Mr. Johnson was married on May 20, 1889, at Leon, Iowa, to Julia B. Hoodley, the representative of an excellent family and a lady of many estimable traits. This union has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Lewis, Ruth and Bertha. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Presbyterian church of Newton, and in his fraternal relations he belongs to the Masonic order. He has been a member of the school board of Newton for four years and he is in his second term as president of the Newton Commercial Association. If he takes pride in any one thing it is that he has never lost an opportunity to boost his own city and state. Personally he is a genial, obliging and unassuming gentleman, popular with the masses, irrespective of party alignment.

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#### JOHN P. HUMMEL.

At this point we enter brief record concerning another of the representative agriculturists, now living in honorable retirement in his cozy home in Monroe, Jasper county, and aside from the position he occupies as a leading and highly esteemed citizen of the locality there is added interest attached to the resume of his career from the fact that he came here early in life and lived to see and take part in the wonderful advancement of the Hawkeye state, his

family have been one of the advance guard of progress and material advancement and while he has benefited himself in a very material way in this community, he has been of much value to the county owing to his public spirit and his loyalty to the support of any movements which have as their ultimate aim the bettering of the community which has long been honored by his residence.

Mr. Hummel was born December 25, 1853, in Montgomery county, Ohio, and he is the son of Benedict and Nancy (Holp) Hummel. The father was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and there grew to maturity and was educated, emigrating to the United States in 1848, no other member of his family coming to our shores for many years afterwards. He settled on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, where he lived four years, then moved to Elkhart county, Indiana, and purchased a farm of eighty acres, and there he lived and farmed until 1863, when he brought his family to Jasper county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Fairview township, five miles northwest of Monroe. While living in Montgomery county, Ohio, he and Nancy Holp were married. She was the daughter of a farmer and was born in Pennsylvania. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Hummel: Elizabeth, who married W. W. Wagoner, a well known farmer in Fairview township, this county, living five miles northwest of Monroe; Mike is married and lives on the home farm; and John P., of this review, who lives in Monroe. The mother of these children died at the old home place in 1887 at the age of sixty-seven years. In 1872 the father went West and was never again heard from.

John P. Hummel, who was the second child in order of birth, was about nine years old when the family moved to Iowa; he received his education in the country schools in Fairview township near the home farm, remaining at home, assisting with the general farm work, until his marriage, which occurred in January, 1898. His wife was known in her maidenhood as Augusta Russ, daughter of Leonard and Catherine (Hummel) Russ. She was born in Germany in 1861, her parents being natives of the fatherland. They came to America in 1871 and settled at Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa. She was one of a family of five children, namely: Mary, who married George Magg, a retired farmer, now living at Prairie City; Kate, who married William Lotz, lives one mile south of Monroe in Marion county; Bergie married Lewis Wilhelm and lives on a farm northwest of Monroe; the wife of our subject was the oldest of the family; Lucy married George McCombs, of California, a ranchman. The parents of these children are both deceased.

After his marriage John P. Hummel left the farm and built a home in Monroe, and it was here that the greatest sorrow as well as the greatest joy visited him, for with the birth of the little daughter Augusta, on April 13, 1891, the mother's life ended, leaving the husband and the home desolate and the beloved daughter to grow up without a mother's protecting care and love. Mrs. Hummel was a lady of estimable character, kind and gentle mannered, beloved by all who knew her. She was a faithful member of the Catholic church at Des Moines. Since her death Mr. Hummel has lived alone, the child being kept by her aunt and uncle while she is small.

Mr. Hummel has been very successful in a business way. Besides his property in Monroe, which is modern and valuable, he is the owner of one of the choice farms of Fairview township, consisting of two hundred and sixty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and on which is to be found a good set of buildings. He is now living retired from active life. He is a man of splendid character and has the friendship and respect of all who know him.

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#### EMAL LORAIN WARING.

Everybody in Jasper county knows and likes "Lar" Waring. They could not well help doing so, for he is a jovial, warm-hearted, generous, kindly gentleman, who, while laboring to advance his own interests never loses sight of his obligations to his neighbors and the public in general.

Emal Loraine Waring was born March 3, 1876, and he is the son of John C. and Martha (McCrea) Waring, the former a native of New York and the mother of Indiana, but they came to Iowa when young and the subject was born in Jasper county. When they first came here, the father, then a young man, worked out as a farm hand, and after his marriage he rented land for a number of years, thereby getting a good start. He later purchased eighty acres near Reasnor upon which he made an excellent living, developed a fine farm and remained there the rest of his life, his death occurring on November 22, 1880, when he was fifty-two years of age. His widow survives and makes her home in Reasnor. Besides farming, Mr. Waring conducted a general grain and lumber business for over twelve years, during the last few years of his life representing the Denniston & Partridge Company. He was a man of splendid business ability, rare probity of character and was known and respected all over this locality.

Emal L. Waring is a member of a family of seven children, named as follows: Verda married S. D. Jones, a mechanical engineer, residing at

Colfax; James E., a carpenter, lives at Reasnör; Emal L., of this review; Clyde C. is in the bank at Reasnör; Charles V., commonly known as "Vint," lives on a farm near Newton; Fay is the wife of George Worth, a farmer residing near Monroe; Jesse Leo lives in Reasnör.

After receiving a fairly good edncation, Emal L. Waring, when twenty-one years of age, began life for himself on a farm, which he continued nearly four years, after which he and Albert Lufkin farmed in partnership, continuing thus for four years, at the end of which time Mr. Waring came to Reasnör, having laid by some capital, and here he engaged in buying and selling stock and grain. After three successful years in this business he purchased a farm near Kellogg, on which he lived two years, when he sold out and returned to Reasnör and again engaged in the live stock and grain business, which he has continued with uniform success to the present time, building up an extensive and satisfactory business through energy, good management and square dealing.

On November 23, 1898, Mr. Waring was united in marriage with Ollie Blackledge, daughter of Frank and Atlanta Blackledge, natives of Indiana, from which state they moved to Nebraska in early life. Mrs. Waring was born in Jasper county, Iowa, July 28, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge spent their lives on a farm and they are now both deceased. They were people of excellent worth and highly respected.

To Mr. and Mrs. Waring five children have been born, of whom Rollin died in infancy; the living are Thelma, Dale, Russell and Warren.

Mrs. Waring is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Reasnör. In politics Mr. Waring is a Democrat and he has always manifested a lively interest in whatever tended to promote the good of his locality.

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#### E. P. MENDENHALL.

It is an excellent thing to be born to great wealth, like a Vanderbilt, but it is also excellent to be born to a good name. When ancestors through many generations have lived useful and distinguished lives and have made a splendid name for themselves by devotion to duty and honor, it is one of the biggest inheritances that can be left to descendants. And so the families who had ancestors in the Revolution or other early wars of our Republic or in other lines of service of the country in its formative period boast of such services and found organizations of the descendants, with the record of their fathers



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RESIDENCE OF E. P. MENDENHALL



for the foundation stone. And so descendants of families that came to the wild, untamed and seemingly interminable planes of Iowa when it was the land of the red man and wolf and carved out fine farms and comfortable Christian homes from the primeval wilds may well boast of the deeds of their fathers and mothers who conquered the land and made the soil blossom with flowers of industry and peace. When in addition to all this they have behind them a name of honor and a principality of acres, their children may well rise up and call them "blessed." This has been the inheritance of E. P. Mendenhall, well-known agriculturist of Lynn Grove township, Jasper county.

Mr. Mendenhall was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, May 21, 1858; and he is the son of Temple and Sarah (Newlin) Mendenhall, the father born in North Carolina, November 22, 1806, and the mother in Clinton county, Ohio, April 10, 1815. The Mendenhalls came to America from England with the famous William Penn, there being three brothers of them, and from one of the three is descended the subject of this sketch; the trio were Benjamin, John and George; the latter returned to England, the first two named remaining in the new world and here reared families. It is believed that they spelled their name Mildenhall, later members of the family corrupting it to Mendenhall, or perhaps these brothers changed their name upon establishing themselves in America, for it is known that they owned a splendid country home in England, called Mildenhall. From the early colonial days to the present time the members of this house have figured more or less prominently in many sections of the Union.

When thirteen years of age, Temple Mendenhall father of E. P., of this review, accompanied his parents, Richard and Polly Mendenhall, from the old home in North Carolina to Indiana and there the mother died. The maternal grandparents, John and Esther Newlin, moved to Indiana in a very early day and there reared a family and spent their lives, the grandmother dying there; the death of the grandfather occurred in Ohio. The parents of the subject of this sketch were married in Indiana on January 20, 1835, and there they remained until 1859, when they came to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought a small farm which Mr. Mendenhall developed and to which he added more land as he prospered until he became the owner of nine hundred and thirty acres in Jasper county, and was known as one of the leading farmers and citizens of his day. He was well-known and influential among the early settlers here. Although his business interests were large and required much attention, he found ample time to aid in the general development of the locality and was regarded as one of the most useful men in this corner of the county. He was public spirited and always gladly supported any measure calculated

to be of general good. He was kind-hearted, neighborly and useful in times of sickness, misfortunes, deaths or wherever the services of a strong-minded, sympathetic spirit was needed. He was a well-informed man and, in fact, he was doctor and dentist to his children, of which there were an equal number of sons and daughters, fourteen in all, but only three of them are living at this writing, namely: Temple, of Plainfield, Indiana; Jeremiah, who lives at Lynnvile, Iowa; and Enos P., of this review. A twin brother of the latter, Calvin W., died in January, 1908. The death of Temple Mendenhall occurred on December 14, 1874, in his sixty-eighth year; his wife died on September 20, 1891, having reached the age of seventy-six years. They were a fine old couple and held in high esteem by all who knew them.

E. P. Mendenhall, of this review, grew up on the home farm and when of proper age he made himself useful about the home place, especially during crop seasons, attending the public schools in the wintertime, after which he took four terms in Penn College. Since leaving school through his home study and reading he has become well educated. He took up farming for a livelihood on the old home place and at one time he owned in partnership with his brother, Calvin W., seven hundred and twenty acres. Upon the death of the latter the estate was settled and the subject bought the home place of two hundred and eighty acres, and sold all the rest of his land in Richland township, this county, and in Poweshiek county. He farmed and raised live stock on a large scale for many years, and prospered by reason of close application and good management. For nearly four years he has been practically retired from active life, though he still manages the home place and maintains his residence on the same. He has made a specialty of stock and grain farming and has quite a local reputation as a corn raiser. He has kept well up on modern methods of farming.

Politically, Mr. Mendenhall is a Prohibitionist and is an active worker in the party. He was reared among the Society of Friends and he has not departed from that faith.

Two of his sisters made their home with the subject until their deaths, each of whom owned some good land here. Then a third sister, Mrs. Sarah Kitchin, widow of Joseph J. Kitchin, and a blood relation of John G. Whittier, kept house for him until her death, on August 17, 1910. Since then her daughters, Blanch and Nellie, have remained with Mr. Mendenhall. They are two of a family of seven girls, the others being Etta, Chla, Anna, Julia and Lillian. Gurney and Furney, twin brothers, died in childhood. Blanch and Nellie, who are looking after the home, are popular young ladies in the community, both well educated and talented musicians, having attended Penn College at Oskaloosa for some time..

## ABRAM CARRIER.

The gentleman of whom the biographer now writes is widely known as one of the honored citizens of Jasper county, and for many years has been actively identified with the varied interests of his community, in fact, his work and influence have been woven into the very warp and woof of this locality's last half century of history. His well directed efforts in the practical affairs of life, his capable management of his own business interests and his sound judgment have brought to him well merited prosperity, and his life forcibly demonstrates what may be accomplished by the man of energy and ambition, who is not afraid to work and has the perseverance to continue his labors, even in the face of seemingly discouraging circumstances.

Abram Carrier was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, December 25, 1825, and his long, useful and honored career is a continuous chronicle of thrift and activity. His parents, Solomon and Elizabeth (Holvey) Carrier, were both natives of Virginia and were of that hardy stock from which the pioneers of this continent sprang.

In 1835 this family moved to Ohio, at that time largely a wilderness, through which roamed wild beasts and from which the whoop of the Indian had not entirely died away, and it was in the midst of such wholesome conditions that the subject grew up. Following the peaceful pursuit of farming, the father remained in Ohio until his death, which occurred on October 9, 1840, at the age of sixty-seven years. Six years later the mother died at about the same age. Thirteen children were born to them Abram, of this review, being the seventh son and today the sole survivor.

Receiving a common school education in the subscription schools of his day, Mr. Carrier supplemented this by learning the blacksmith's trade at Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, where he remained about a year after the death of his father. From there he went to Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio, starting a shop of his own. Here, on March 24, 1846, he was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Anderson, daughter of John and Mary (Lemon) Anderson, both of whom were natives of York county, Pennsylvania. From Fayetteville, Mr. Carrier moved to Belmont county, Ohio, where he continued blacksmithing, remaining there a little over ten years. In April, 1857, he started westward and located at Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, purchasing a farm soon afterwards just south of the town, which place he still owns. While he has done some blacksmithing since he came here his attention has been very largely devoted to agricultural pursuits and stock raising, and today, hav-

ing prospered through close application and good management, he is one of the county's largest land owners, being the possessor of over six hundred acres of valuable land, well improved and admirably adapted for high grade farming.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carrier, namely: Mary Ellen, born July 12, 1847, died in infancy; William Alexander, born March 14, 1848, died in 1849; Emma Elizabeth, born April 5, 1851, married on October 27, 1905, to Isaac Teimplin, and they are both now deceased; Amanda, born February 28, 1853, is the wife of C. K. Burnell, of Newton; Frank, born May 21, 1855, resides at this time on the home farm; he married Sophia Harbold; Milton A., born August 1, 1859, resides in Newton; he married Fanny Hart and is engaged in the mercantile business; William, born in Jasper county, Iowa, September 17, 1864, is a partner of his father in many of his enterprises and is one of the well known and prominent young business men of the county. He is the active manager of all his father's landed interests, comprising nine hundred acres in all. Besides this he devotes much attention to stock buying, raising, feeding and shipping. He is also a well known breeder of shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses. He has sold many car loads of these fine cattle in various parts of the Union, in fact, in nearly every state. On September 26, 1890, he was united in marriage with Dillie Brown, daughter of Joseph Brown, of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Brown came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1887, and died at the home of Mr. Carrier some years later. Mrs. Brown is at present making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Carrier.

William Carrier is a member of the Shorthorn Breeders Association and the Percheron Society. He is also a member and director of the Jasper County Agricultural Society and vice-president of the Fine Stock Breeders Association of this county. He is also a member of the Newton Business Men's Association, and fraternally belongs to the Delta Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythias, at Newton.

Besides his farming interests, Mr. Carrier has an ice business which has attained extensive proportions, selling about two thousand tons annually. He owns one-half of the building in which his brother's dry goods store is located, and he has valuable city property in Everett, Washington. He has made frequent trips to that state, in fact, has traveled extensively throughout the West and in British America. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church of Newton and is a niece of Rev. Mr. Brown, who was pastor of that church for nine years.

Carrie Anna Carrier, youngest child of Abram Carrier and wife, was born October 2, 1870, married J. H. Moscrip, and is now residing with her parents in Newton.

Mr. Carrier has always been prominently allied with the agricultural and business activities of Jasper county. For six years he was president of the Jasper County Agricultural Society. He is also a breeder of fine live stock, especially shorthorn cattle. He is a member of the Shorthorn Breeders Association. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Democrat, and while he has never aspired to be a political leader he has always stood ready to support all laudable movements looking to the betterment of this locality in civic, material and moral matters and he and his wife have the esteem of a wide circle of friends,—in fact, no family in the county is more prominent socially and in business circles than the Carriers.

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#### JOHN N. WILSON.

The term success is relative, depending often upon mere individual conditions, but it is seldom we find a man whose life work has been of that high character which merits the stamp of human approval. In a material way, John N. Wilson, of Newton, Jasper county, has succeeded to an extent not usually reached by the average man, and, apart from this interesting phase, his life story is full of much that is best and noblest. Whether as soldier in the great Civil war or as private citizen or head of his family, he has always striven to know and advocate the right, and his example has been one well worth imitating.

Mr. Wilson was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, February 5, 1843, and he is the son of Squire H. and Martha (Blanton) Wilson, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Kentucky. The former came from his native state to Hendricks county, Indiana, in early life and there purchased land and engaged in farming until 1850 when, with his wife and four children, he emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Buena Vista township, entering the forty adjoining it from the government, this being the land now occupied by the county infirmary, being sold by the elder Wilson to Jasper county in 1867. Following this transaction he bought forty acres in Newton township, upon which he lived until his death in 1881, when he was sixty-two years of age. He had been very successful as a farmer and stock man and at one time had owned

nearly five hundred acres of land near Killduff; his wife survived until 1884, dying at the age of sixty-four. They were the parents of eight children, John N., of this review, being the third in order of birth; the eldest, William Thomas, died at Deadwood, South Dakota, where he had been engaged in the lumber business, having formerly been a farmer in Jasper county, Iowa; Hester J. married C. L. Roberts, a prominent grain dealer and at one time postmaster at Grinnell, Iowa, where they still reside; J. S. lives in Newton; M. J. owns and resides on a ranch near Lusk, Wyoming; H. C. is a farmer and stock man in Cherokee county, Iowa; Emsley M. lives in Des Moines; Alice is the wife of C. W. Stahl and they live in Los Angeles, California.

When a mere child John N. Wilson walked two miles to attend school at Adamson and Hickson Groves, the way often being through the deep snow. He also attended old Hazel Dell Academy for a year.

In August, 1862, he responded to his country's call and enlisted in Company E, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with gallantry for three years. His regiment was the first to enter Little Rock, Arkansas. He saw much hard and dangerous service, serving under General Steele in Arkansas and Kentucky and participated in the memorable Red River expedition, also the great siege of Vicksburg following which he was taken sick and was sent home. His regiment then moved upon Helena, Arkansas, and after defeating Confederates there, moved upon Duvall's Bluffs, capturing that point, going from there to Little Rock, at which place Mr. Wilson rejoined his regiment. Here they spent the winter and the following spring started on the Red river expedition, but being defeated at Red river were driven back into Little Rock, which city they guarded until the spring of 1865, when they went to Fort Smith, and in June of that year were sent to Fort Gilson, where a regiment of semi-civilized Indians, who hunted all the time, were stationed. Mr. Wilson recalls the fact that his regiment did more work in guarding the red men than they did in restraining the Confederate prisoners. Mr. Wilson was honorably discharged at Fort Gilson, August 12, 1865.

Returning to Jasper county, Mr. Wilson began farming, having purchased eighty acres in Buena Vista township during the war, for which he paid five dollars per acre. Selling this three years later, he purchased two hundred and forty acres in the same township, which he sold a year later and purchased eighty acres in Newton township, which he held four years and sold. He then bought one hundred and twenty acres just west of Newton, to which he subsequently added until he had at one time four hundred and sixty acres. Later he sold all but one hundred and eighty-four acres, which he still owns. In 1901 he quit active farming, after being very successful, and moved to his

beautiful home in Newton, buying property there. Since leaving the farm he has been engaged in buying and selling land very extensively and at the present writing is one of the county's large landowners. He has one hundred and sixty acres near Peru, Madison county, Iowa; two hundred and thirty-seven acres in Kellogg township, this county; also six hundred and forty acres in Canada. At one time he and some associates were interested in twenty-two sections of land in Canada. Six years ago he operated a Reeves thirty-two horse-power steam plow on this land. It is doubtful if Jasper county can claim a citizen who is a better judge of land and land values than he, and he is a careful and successful business man in all lines. For years he has been a breeder of fine horses and cattle. In 1889, with others, he purchased the Aleyon roller flouring mills, of Newton, of which he subsequently became sole proprietor. This property, however, he later disposed of. At one time he was engaged at cabinetmaking at Des Moines.

In 1866 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Nancy Jane Green, daughter of Willis and Mary (Kirby) Green, both natives of Kentucky. Leaving that state, they went to Missouri, and later to Fairfield, Jefferson county, in January, 1843, and there Mrs. Wilson was born on May 7th of that year. Two years later the family moved to Jasper county, locating in Newton township, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land on which they lived until the death of the mother in 1877, when she was fifty-six years old, the father surviving until 1904, having attained the unusual mile-post of ninety years. At the time of his death he was living at Meringo, Illinois. Their family consisted of four children, one of whom, Sarah Ann, died at the age of eighteen years; Rebecca F., widow of William H. Pardoe, a former business man of Newton, resides in Fargo, North Dakota; John L., who was a soldier in the Civil war, was killed during the siege of Vicksburg.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, all living: Fannie May, born November 23, 1869, is the wife of Albert Brown, a farmer near Kellogg, and they have a daughter and two sons: Frederick Earl, born March 5, 1877, lives on a farm in Madison county, and he has two daughters; Guy Everett, born December 16, 1882, lives on the place west of town.

Politically, Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He belongs to Garrett Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic, at Newton.

Mrs. Wilson is a woman of talent and culture. She was a student in old Wittemberg College, and she has been of great service to Mr. Wilson in his life work, her encouragement and sympathy helping him over many a difficult place. She was reared in the Methodist faith and her life has been wholesome and helpful to all with whom she has come into contact.

## JOHN R. WOODROW.

Among the substantial and enterprising business men of Jasper county who have won success by untiring effort and rightly directed talents is John R. Woodrow, who is deserving of conspicuous mention in this work, along with other public-spirited local citizens, because they have shown themselves to be the possessors of superior qualities, the qualities that win, and are not discouraged at obstacles.

Mr. Woodrow was born May 27, 1852, in Lee county, Iowa, and he is the son of Benjamin and Lorina (Jackson) Woodrow, the father born at Norwich, Norfolk county, England, in 1807, and there he grew to maturity and was educated, coming to America in 1828. He was a tailor by trade and upon arriving in this country he located in New York City, where he worked at his trade for a few years, after which he moved near Rochester. About 1850 he came west and located in Lee county, Iowa, where he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and there he remained ten years, when his wife died, after which event Mr. Woodrow returned to England. His son, John R., of this review, was then seven years of age, and he is the only surviving child of his mother. Upon returning from England he located in Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, and there engaged in the boot and shoe business with J. W. Woodrow, a son by a former marriage, and half brother of the subject. Benjamin Woodrow's first marriage was with Frances Sprague, which union resulted in the birth of two children. After continuing in the boot and shoe business for a year or two, the father moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and there married Mary Rodgers, who died in 1878, without issue. After an absence of twelve years, Mr. Woodrow came to Jasper county, locating at Newton, purchasing an interest in the Jasper County Bank, with which he was still connected when he died in 1896. He was a man of excellent business ability and high integrity and was influential in whatever community he lived in.

Upon the death of his mother, John R. Woodrow, of this review, went to live with his aunt, Laura J. Ives. He attended school two years, and when thirteen years of age he came to Newton, where he worked in the summer and attended school during the winter, obtaining a public school education, and prepared himself for a teacher, which vocation he followed four terms, all taught in Jasper county, south of Newton, and he was very successful as an instructor.

In February, 1879, Mr. Woodrow married Phoebe Hanson, who was born in England in 1857, the daughter of Thomas and Jane (Brothers) Han-

son, who came to America and located at Newton, Iowa, in 1869, and here the father's death occurred in 1879. He was sixty-three years old. He was a brickmaker. His wife lived to be eighty-three years of age, dying about five years ago, in Newton.

After his marriage, John R. Woodrow purchased forty acres where his present home is now located and which is just outside the city limits of Newton. To this he has subsequently added forty acres adjoining where his home is now situated. He has also added twenty acres in Palo Alto township, one-half mile south of his residence. His dwelling, which was built in 1878, has been remodeled and made an attractive, commodious and cozy modern home, in fact, as it now stands it is easily one of the most beautiful residences in the county, and here the many friends of the family frequently gather, always finding a genuine hospitality prevailing. Besides general farming, Mr. Woodrow is extensively engaged in fruit growing, being regarded as an authority on horticultural topics in this locality.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow, namely: Albert Edward, born January 27, 1880, died at the age of three years; George Merritt, born September 8, 1882, is at home; Ella V. is the wife of Charles E. Hotchkiss and resides in Newton; she was born November 16, 1887; she is a musician of some ability and has been given an excellent musical education; Morris was born January 6, 1886, and he is connected with the Jasper County Savings Bank; Mabel L., born August 11, 1894, is in school; Robert Ransom, born September 17, 1896.

Mr. Woodrow is a stockholder in the Jasper County Savings Bank, also a director in the same. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church. In politics he is a Republican.

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#### WILSON M. ROBB.

The success achieved by Wilson M. Robb, a worthy citizen of Newton, Jasper county, proves the force of his nature and illustrates the persistency of an honest purpose, and he is eminently entitled to the high esteem in which he is held as a citizen of one of the foremost communities of a great commonwealth, which he has ever sought to promote in whatever manner possible.

Mr. Robb was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, June 23, 1854, and he is the son of James E. and Elmira (Freeman) Robb, natives of Indiana, who were the parents of four children, of whom Wilson M. was the third in order

of birth. James E. Robb was a self-made man and one of the best citizens Jasper county ever had. He was born and reared in Indiana and received a good academic education in the Rush county schools of his native state. He taught subscription schools and also taught singing in the old-time singing schools, which were numerous in his day. He came to Iowa in 1850 and entered land in Muscatine county which he improved and later sold, and he lived in that county until 1883, when he moved to Jasper county and settled in Buena Vista township in the locality known as Adamson Grove, purchasing one hundred and ninety-seven acres. Here the family home was maintained until 1892, when they moved to Newton, in which city the death of James E. Robb occurred on October 27, 1900. He had many friends wherever he was known, possessing the faculty in a marked degree of making and retaining warm personal friendships. He was a fearless, straightforward character who was always interested in the community's good. While a citizen of Muscatine county he was for thirteen years county supervisor. He served a short time in the Civil war, refusing the offer of a substitute tendered him on account of a large and dependent family. He was a religious man, though not identified with any church. His exemplary and useful life remains a precious heirloom not only to those immediately left to mourn him, but to the community in which he lived and labored.

Dr. E. H. Robb, of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and Mary E. Robb, of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, besides Wilson M., of this review, are the remaining children of James E. and Elmira Robb, one being deceased. Mrs. Robb was Elmira Freeman and was born in Indiana.

Wilson M. Robb came to Jasper county, Iowa, with his parents in 1883. He received a public school education, and was engaged in the management of the parental farm, bearing the brunt of the labor in the fields, and, with his father, shared in the success attained. After the father's death he became possessor of the home farm, but subsequently disposed of it, and now lives on his farm four miles north of Newton.

Mr. Robb was married on February 20, 1879, to Elmira J. Moss, daughter of William and Mary E. (Humphrey) Moss, a well known and highly respected family. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Robb, two are living, namely: Lynn M., born December 2, 1879, and Clarence W., born March 13, 1883. This family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Robb is a man of distinctive moral courage, and he takes a special interest in the cause of temperance, being fearless in his advocacy of prohibition and giving freely of his time and means to aid the success of temperance work. On all moral issues or community interests, Mr. Robb will not hesitate

should occasion demand, to advocate his principles in the face of any opposition. He is not a man to sacrifice principle for favor, but will do what he thinks is right, hewing to the line always and letting the chips fall where they will, regardless of consequences. Such unselfish devotion to principle does not always command its just reward, but Mr. Robb, unmindful of provoked censure, has not wavered in defending the moral principles he advocates. A man of more than ordinary ability and unquestioned integrity, his place in the community is one of honor and respect.

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#### QUINN H. TOOL.

Among the earnest men whose enterprise and depth of character have gained a prominent place in the community and the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens is Quinn H. Tool, of Fairview township, Jasper county, where he has spent his life, being the representative of one of our most prominent pioneer families. A farmer and stock raiser and a man of decided views, his influence has ever been for the advancement of the community.

Mr. Tool was born here on July 6, 1852, the son of James A. and Sarah (Fouch) Tool, the father born in Virginia, June 12, 1825, and the mother in Indiana, December 14, 1826. The paternal grandfather, Adam Tool, was one of the three first, if not the first white settler in Jasper county, a Mr. Highland probably preceding him a few months. The elder Tool settled at Tool's Point, near where the town of Monroe stands, in 1843, and in the fall of that year the father of the subject came here with the rest of the family. Adam Tool entered one hundred and sixty acres where Monroe now stands, and his son, James A., owned three hundred and twenty acres four miles east of there. The latter took a leading part in the affairs of his community, and for many years he was trustee of his township. He was a Republican and later a Greenbacker. He belonged to the Methodist church. He was a pillar in the church, and no man ever did more for the early churches here than he, being a very earnest and devout man and conscientious in all that he undertook. He was a local preacher and did an incalculable amount of good in that connection. He was universally esteemed for his excellent qualities of head and heart. He remained on his fine farm here until his death, on October 10, 1910, at an advanced age, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1890. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom three died in infancy. Those who grew up are, Charles W., Mrs. Cynthia Rigoulet; Quinn H., of

this sketch, was the third in order of birth; John H. is living in Elk Creek township; Mrs. Sarah E. Oldham, of this county; Oscar N. is living at Lebanon, Kansas; Harrison F. L. is a resident of Atkin, Minnesota; Mrs. Ulysses A. Marshall, and Flora A.

Quinn H. Tool grew up on the home farm and attended the Oak Grove district school. But being one of the older members of the family he had to assist with the work at home when he was a boy. When twenty-two years of age he bought eighty acres in Fairview township, where he now lives. He has added to his original purchase until he owns two hundred and ten acres in this and Elk Creek townships, which he has placed under modern improvements and kept well tilled, having one of the best farms in the locality. He keeps a good grade of live stock. He has a pleasant home and his labors as an agriculturist have been amply rewarded. Part of his land lies in Fairview township and part in Elk Creek township. He is independent in politics. For two years he was assessor of his township. He belongs to the Methodist church.

On November 28, 1876, Mr. Tool was married to Selina E. Oldham, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, November 28, 1853, the daughter of Joseph Oldham, who was born in Cheshire, England, and who came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1866.

The following children have been born to the subject and wife: Arthur A. is attending school in Germany; Alvin S. is living in Des Moines township; Mrs. Pearl J. Foster.

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#### ANDREW FRENCH.

A well known and influential business man and citizen of Jasper county who is deserving of the success he has attained in the world's affairs, because he has worked along proper avenues and been careful of his conduct at all times, is Andrew French, who was born near Geneseo New York, August 27, 1866, and he is the scion of an excellent old family of the Empire state, being the son of Charles L. and Hannah (Emery) French, both of whom are natives of New Hampshire. The father emigrated from his native state to Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1872 and lived here ten years, then moved to a farm near Reasnor, where he lived until his death at the age of seventy-five years; his wife is still living at the age of seventy-eight. In her girlhood she had the rare privilege of being the pupil of John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet. To Mr.

and Mrs. Charles L. French two sons and two daughters were born, all living, namely: Mrs. Alvin Dodge, of Larrabee, Iowa; Mrs. Clarence Bennett, of Creighton, Nebraska; Augustus E. has no fixed residence, traveling extensively; Andrew, of this review.

Andrew French came to Iowa with his parents with whom he made his home until he was twenty years of age, then went to western Kansas, where he found employment on cattle ranches for six years. He then went to Oklahoma City, where, among other things, he served as United States marshal, his chief duties being to keep down the lawless elements in the Indian country. He performed the duties of this important office in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, making a most commendable record and proving himself to be a man of tact, foresight, courage and unswerving determination. He remained in that country nine years, and he saw the site of the present great center of industry, Oklahoma City, when there was but one house there. Returning to Jasper county, Iowa, he is now the owner and operator of a saw mill.

On September 26, 1888, Mr. French was united in marriage with Emma Evans, daughter of G. W. and Lucy Evans, and to this union one child has been born, Charles W., who resides in McCloud, Oklahoma. Mr. French's second marriage was solemnized on September 15, 1900, when he was united with Mrs. Anna Oliver, widow of Millard Fillmore Oliver and the daughter of Menke Blink and Anna Vanderlaan, both natives of Holland, Mrs. French being born in that country, May 26, 1869, and she was two years of age when her parents brought her to America in an old sailing vessel. Her own mother had died at the birth of Mrs. French and her father had remarried before starting to this country. The family settled in Chicago in 1871. In 1887 the daughter contracted her first marriage to M. F. Oliver, a son of James M. and Mercy (Noel) Oliver. James M. Oliver was a native of Ohio, a cabinet-maker by trade and came to Iowa. Mercy Noel was born July 2, 1819, in Scioto county, Ohio, married James Oliver December 7, 1851, and died October 18, 1901, near Monroe. James Oliver died in 1907. Of their five children M. F. Oliver was third in order of birth. Mrs. Anna Oliver moved to Sioux county, Iowa. Her parents also came there to live, purchasing a small tract of land within the corporate limits of the city, and there they followed gardening until too old to work. The father died at the age of seventy-eight, the step-mother reaching the remarkable age of ninety-six.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver became the parents of two children, one of whom died in infancy, the other, Millard F. Oliver, was born April 27, 1896, and resides with his mother in Reasnor, and is now attending high school at

Monroe, a remarkable young man, bright, genial, well beloved and a natural musician, being at this early age a master of the piano. He is admired by all who know him and a great comfort to his mother. He is upright, honorable and the making of a good man and citizen. Mr. Oliver was a very fine cabinet-maker and skilled wood worker. His death occurred in 1898.

Mrs. French is one of a family of ten full brothers and sisters, of whom but two besides herself survive, five having died in infancy; Alice, seven years old, died on board ship while the family was en route to America; Mrs. John Pool died in Chicago in 1898; Herman Blink lives in Wisconsin; John Blink lives in Indiana. Mrs. French is well known and much admired as a vocalist, and for many years has sung at funerals and different public gatherings. She is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Monroe.

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#### EUGENE BEAN.

To lead a clean life at home and before his fellow men, to be a good husband, father and citizen and to do his plain duty at all times as he sees it, is to merit the title, "A good man." However, it seems that few men really merit it, so it is a pleasure to the biographer when a man is found to whom the term may be truthfully applied. Eugene Bean, of Jasper county, comes well within the range of requirements of this title. He had a good father and mother whose influence was doubtless largely due to the fact that he has been a good son. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 12, 1860, the son of Joseph and Diantha (Cross) Bean, both of whom were natives of Belfast, Maine. They came to Ohio in 1848 and followed farming, and in 1868 emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of two hundred acres in Palo Alto township, and there they developed a good farm and spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in April, 1896, at the age of eighty years, and the mother in 1898, when sixty-six years old. The father was a man of fine public spirit, holding a number of minor offices in his township, but while he was an active political worker, he never aspired to county or state offices, although a loyal Republican. While not a member of any church, he was a man of deep religious convictions, and of that rugged honesty which brooks of no swerving from the right, and he died having the love and respect of his fellow men. His family consisted of seven children, all boys, of whom five are living, namely: Julius E. died in Buena Vista county, Iowa, at the age of forty-six years. He was engaged in the nursery business: Charles resides

in New Plymouth, Idaho, being engaged in farming and fruit-growing; Alonzo S. and Harvey C. reside at the same place and are engaged in the same business; Harry Lincoln, who was a farmer in this county, died in 1898; Frank E. lives in Reasnor, being employed as lineman for the telephone company.

Eugene Bean, after receiving an excellent education, began life for himself when twenty-one years of age, by teaching school, teaching very acceptably one year in Buena Vista county and three years in Jasper county. Then turning his attention to the business world, he accepted a position as cashier of the Marathon Bank of Marathon, Iowa, which position he filled with much credit and satisfaction for two years, he having an interest in the bank. At the end of this period, his partner, Richard Olney, having had a son frozen to death in a blizzard, became dissatisfied with the rigors of the Iowa climate and sold out, moving his banking interests to Arkansas. This necessitating some change of plans upon the part of Mr. Bean, he came to Reasnor, Iowa, where he farmed for two years, after which time he entered the depot of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, as station agent, conducting, in connection with this, a general live stock and grain business. Accumulating rapidly, in 1900, he moved to Newton, for the purpose, principally, of giving his children better educational advantages, and there he entered the auditor's office as deputy for Joe Horn, county auditor at that time. After serving as Mr. Horn's deputy for two years, he was elected auditor on the Republican ticket for two terms, making a clean, creditable and eminently satisfactory record. After his tenure in office he returned to Reasnor and resumed the grain, live stock, coal and poultry business, which he has continued ever since, building up an extensive and lucrative business.

On September 5, 1886, Mr. Bean was united in marriage with Martha A. Wilson, daughter of W. S. and Mary (Irvin) Wilson, both of whom were born close to the border line dividing Scotland and Ireland, being of hardy Scotch-Irish stock. Mrs. Bean is one of eight brothers and sisters, three of whom died in childhood; the living are: Mary J., who has remained single, resides in Reasnor; W. O. lives in Green City, Missouri, where he is engaged in merchandising; Mrs. W. E. Denniston lives in Newton, where Mr. Denniston is engaged in the lumber business; James L. is engaged in the lumber business in Baxter, Iowa. Mrs. Martha A. Bean was born in Scott county, Iowa, February 26, 1867, and she received a good education in the home schools. Her father died in 1879, when forty-eight years old, and the mother passed away in 1906, when seventy-six years old.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bean five children have been born, all of whom are living, namely: Lorena Fern, unmarried, was born in Marathon, Iowa, in 1888, and she is postmistress at Reasnor; Lavina Pearl, born in Reasnor in 1890, is teaching school in the country; Edith Aubine, born in Reasnor in 1892, is attending the high school at Newton, this county; Mary and William E., who were both born in Newton, the former in 1903 and the latter in 1907, are both living at home.

Mr. Bean is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Reasnor, and his wife is a devout member of the Presbyterian church in Palo Alto township. Mr. Bean is affiliated with Jasper Lodge No. 78, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Monroe and of the encampment and canton of Central Lodge No. 16, at Newton. In politics he is a stanch Republican and is well-known throughout the county.

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#### DOW W. TERPSTRA.

That period of the nineteenth century embracing the decade between 1850 and 1860 was characterized by the immigration of the pioneer element which made the great state of Iowa very largely what it is today. These immigrants were sturdy, heroic, sincere and, in the main, upright people, such as constitute the strength of the commonwealth. It scarcely appears probable that in the future another such period can occur, or, indeed, any period when such a solid phalanx of strong-minded, brawny-armed men and noble, self-sacrificing women will take possession of a new country. The period to which reference is made, therefore, cannot be too much or too well written up and the only way to do justice to such a subject is to record the lives of those who led the van of civilization and founded the institutions which today are the pride and boast of a great state and a strong and virile people. Among those who braved the obstacles of Jasper county in its early period of development were the late Dow W. Terpstra and family. The subject was known as a man of extraordinary characteristics, who, by reason of years of indefatigable labor and honest effort, not only acquired a well merited material prosperity, but also richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he was associated.

Mr. Terpstra was born in Friesland, Holland, June 11, 1842, and he was the son of Watson and Sietska (Zuidma) Terpstra, both born in the same locality as was the subject and there they grew up and were married. In the year 1850 they emigrated to the United States, locating in Lancaster, New



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York, where they maintained their home for a period of five years, engaged in farm work; then the family came to Iowa, selecting Marion county as their future place of abode, Watson Terpstra purchasing eighty acres there. His son, Dow W., of this review, being the eldest child, began working in the fields when very young, assisting his father clear up the timber and otherwise get the raw land in shape for crops, consequently he had little opportunity to obtain an education, indeed there were few schools and they were poorly managed and their sessions were brief; but this lack of text-book training was later made up through extensive miscellaneous home reading and actual contact with the business world.

Mr. Terpstra was married in Marion county, Iowa, and he moved to Jasper county in 1869 with his wife and here bought a fractional eighty acres near Killduff. Later he traded this for one hundred and twenty acres in Elk Creek township. He was a man of excellent ideas and he managed well, and, naturally a hard-working, industrious man, he forged rapidly ahead and added his place here until he became the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of as valuable land as the township afforded. This he kept well improved and well tilled, in fact, made it one of the model farms of his community, and here carried on general farming and stock raising on a large scale. He was one of the largest cattle feeders in the county and no small part of his handsome competency was realized from this source. He had a pleasant home and convenient outbuildings, everything about his place indicating thrift and that a gentleman of good taste had its management in hand. Having laid by a competency, Mr. Terpstra and wife retired from active life in 1905 and moved to an attractive residence in the town of Sully, Iowa, and that was their home until Mr. Terpstra's death, on July 11, 1906, after a successful and honorable career. He was a man of considerable influence in his community and was well liked by all who knew him, being a man of kindly impulse and exemplary character who inspired confidence and respect. Mrs. Terpstra subsequently returned to the country and is now living on a part of the old home place. She is a woman of praiseworthy attributes and she enjoys the friendship of a very wide circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Terpstra aided in the public affairs of his community in whatever manner possible. For some time he was president of the school board of his district and after moving to Sully he became a member of the town council. Politically, he was a Democrat, and was always true to the tenets of his party. He attended the Reform Dutch church and was liberal in his support of the same.

Mr. Terpstra was united in marriage on February 14, 1867, to Rosa Napjus, who was born in Friesland, Holland, on September 23, 1848, and she was eight years of age when she emigrated with her parents to the United States, and she therefore grew up and received her education in this country. She is the daughter of John and Rosa (Plantenga) Napjus. This family came on to Iowa and settled near Red Rock in Marion county, in 1856, and there lived for one year when they moved to Pella where they established a home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terpstra were born eight children, named as follows: Watson Valentine, Mrs. Sielsk George, of North Dakota; Harry B., a farmer of Elk Creek township, this county; Albert L., Mrs. Rose Dick, Mrs. Yetta Romans and Martin.

Mr. Terpstra was a true pioneer, one of the best representatives of the Hollander people who cast their lots with us in the early days. He found here a wild, undeveloped country, but had the sagacity to see in it a great future, consequently he here persisted in his efforts, having faith that the future would bring rich rewards if today was properly lived. He played no inconspicuous part in the transformation of this nature-favored land and, as was natural and right, he received a fitting earthly reward and is now sleeping the sleep of the just, after life's fitful fever, leaving behind him not only the evidences of material achievement, but what is more to be prized by his family and host of friends—a worthy example and an irreproachable name.

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#### LEWIS F. SCHULTZ.

There is something fine and high in the German character, something of wondrous gentleness and keen appreciation of the beauty which life holds. In music the Germans have given the world a magic gamut of sound, from the soft lullaby of the young mother crooning to her pink cheeked babe to the mighty thunders of dynamic masterpieces. In art, the German school is easily first with the wonderful galaxy of painters and sculptors whose fame is as broad as the world, while in science and in literature, in poetry and in the sweet pastoral beauty of their folk lore the sons and daughters of the fatherland stand almost without an equal. And what father and mothers they make! What homes they build! What garden-like farms they till! "This is a German settlement," we say, and behold! on every hand are clean, fertile fields, neat hedge rows, great barns bursting with plenty, grunting droves of fat swine and homes resplendent with good will, good health and honest contentment.

Lewis F. Schultz is a German, as is also his good wife. Their parents came to this country as raw emigrants, ignorant of its language, its customs and its vicissitudes, but by that inherent thrift and inborn ability to make any place home, they prospered and thrived until their efforts blossomed forth in broad farms and generous roof-trees, and in the happy and contented faces of American-born children and grandchildren. And from the first they commanded the respect they so well merited and when they journeyed onward into that dim and unknown vista which lies beyond the grave, they each left that void in the hearts of those who knew them, which the passing of a good soul always leaves.

Mr. Schultz was born in Pomerania, Germany, kingdom of Prussia, April 2, 1849, his father being Christopher C. Schultz and his mother Caroline (Severt) Schultz, both natives of the same place. The coming to the new land had long been planned by the shrewd old grandmother of the subject of this review, but it was not until in October of 1854 that the emigration was actually made. Landing safely in New York, the family, consisting of Mr. Schultz's father and mother and their children, the grandmother and two brothers of the father, came at once to Bureau county, Illinois, to which place two brothers had already come, and engaged in farming. In connection with this the father and brothers worked as carpenters, mostly in the building of barns for the settlers. In 1858 they came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, coming in the employ of E. P. Judd and Fred Mousley, two large land owners of the county at that time, and continuing to work for them for two years. At the end of this time, 1860, the father of the subject of this review started out for himself by purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land of his own. As his faithful wife had died in the spring of 1855, soon after coming to America, the grandmother, who was the father's mother, kept the house until such time as the sister of the subject became old enough. Thus it was that little Ludwig, now Americanized to "Lewis," was practically without a mother's sympathy and care from babyhood, but he kept right on bravely facing each drawback or sorrow that came to him until at the time this review is penned his life is full of that sweet contentment which an honest and successful career holds in store.

It was in the fall of 1873 that he came to Jasper county and began farming. With some assistance from his father and father-in-law he purchased one hundred and ten acres of land which he still owns, and to this, as the fruitful years have rolled by, he has added until at the present writing he is one of the county's largest land owners, owning six hundred and eighty-seven acres of fine and valuable land besides other property of value. All his life

he has been a farmer, for he has that deep love of the German for growing things, but he has also paid considerable attention to stockraising.

Mr. Schultz is one of three brothers and one sister, of whom two are living: Augusta Booknen, wife of George Booknen, a farmer, was born in 1851. She died in 1895, while residing in Poweshiek county; Carl A., born in 1853, resides on a farm east of Grinnell; Henry H., born in 1854, died in Poweshiek county in 1883.

Mr. Schultz was united in marriage January 1, 1874, to Christie L. Rohrdanz, the daughter of John J. and Marie (Price) Rohrdanz, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her parents came to America in 1853, settling in Niagara Falls, New York, where her father was employed upon the first of the great suspension bridges ever built across the great gorge. It was here Mrs. Schultz was born, November 26, 1854. Mrs. Schultz is one of three children, all of whom are living: Marie, born April 9, 1857, is the wife of Carl Birkenholtz, a farmer of Jasper county; Fred, born in Jasper county, February 13, 1858, is a farmer and still resides in the county. Mrs. Schultz's parents came to Jasper county in 1855 after the completion of the big bridge, and there is much of romantic interest surrounding their early struggles. When they arrived in Jasper county, all the money they had in the world was the small sum of two dollars and a half, and some of this precious hoard was much treasured coins about which sentiment lingered. The country was new and more or less primitive, and hardships were many, but energy and courage conquered all, for after a long and weary struggle forty acres were secured and with this as a start they finally came to own over three hundred acres.

The fathers of both Mr. and Mrs. Schultz served in the Prussian army. Mr. Schultz's father being a man of powerful build, was guard of artillery, while Mrs. Schultz's father was an infantry man. During the rebellion of the provinces of Holstein and Schleswig, he was awarded a medal by the German government for signal bravery.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have been born six children, all of whom were boys, and one of whom, Joseph Christopher, died in infancy: William Carl Henry, born January 4, 1875, in Jasper county, is a farmer and resides in the county; Walter Albert Lewis, born March 8, 1876, died November 9, 1905, leaving surviving him a widow and one child, a little girl, who died the following spring; Lewis Martin, born June 24, 1868, is a farmer residing in this county; Henry Fred Lewis, born April 12, 1882, is a farmer, also of Jasper county; John C., born May 9, 1885, is a farmer and resides in this county.

Mr. Schultz, while he has never aspired to or sought office, has served as township trustee one year, three years as township clerk, six years as assessor

and four years as justice of the peace. At one time he was supervisor of roads. He retired from active life in the spring of 1910, since which time he has resided in Reasnor. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 277, at Monroe, and also of Company 26, Uniform Rank of that order at Newton. His sons are all members of the order, Mr. Schultz paying their way through. Both he and Mrs. Schultz are members of the German Lutheran church and are people of native culture and refinement. Their home life is rich in the things which make for real happiness. They are both vigorous, healthy and strong, their sons are settled about them on farms which they have allotted to them, they each have the love and respect of their hosts of friends. Kindly, simple hearted German people, they have read the riddle of true happiness aright and are living to enjoy the peace and plenty they richly merit.

It can be truthfully said of Mr. Schultz that he is a man of far more than the ordinary ability as a writer. His command of language is very fine, his writings showing a beauty and power that is rare indeed. The soul of honor, genial and original, his friendship and companionship is courted wherever he goes. He is one of the best known and best liked men in Jasper county.

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#### EDWARD WILCOX.

In such men as Edward Wilcox, one of the well known citizens of Jasper county, there is peculiar satisfaction in offering their life histories as justification for the compilation of works of this character—not that their lives have been such as to gain them particularly wide notoriety or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to the trusts reposed in them, have shown such attributes of character as to entitle them to the regard of all. "Ed" Wilcox, as he is familiarly known, is a genial and generous soul, ever willing to lend a helping hand when his services are needed, and he experiences no trouble in either making or retaining friends.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Rockford, Floyd county, Iowa, June 8, 1867, and is the son of Joseph and Huldah (Garey) Wilcox. The father was born in Columbus, Ohio, March 1, 1837, and the mother in Smethport, McKean county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1840; they were married in the latter state on December 7, 1865. The father had come to Iowa with his widowed mother in the early days here, and the Wilcoxes have thus figured more or less prominently in the upbuilding of the county. When the Civil war came on Joseph

Wilcox turned from the pursuits of agriculture and in 1861 enlisted in the Third Iowa Battery at Dubuque, in which he served four years and three months as a brave and efficient soldier. After his first enlistment expired he re-enlisted as a veteran and was in the western division of the Union army under Generals Curtis, Siegel and others. Some of the many engagements in which he took part were those of Pea Ridge, Pine Bluff, Ball's Bluff, Fort Smith, Helena and others. He was never wounded, captured or in a hospital, and he was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

Jasper county has had no better citizen than Joseph Wilcox, and his death, on January 27, 1890, caused the many who knew him to mourn the loss of a truly good and useful man. Besides being a farmer, he was a blacksmith and general artificer and was widely and favorably known. His widow is now residing on the home farm in Palo Alto township. Their family consisted of four sons and two daughters, namely: Mary, who married Alfred Lynn, since deceased; James was next in order of birth; William is now deceased; Harriett married Homer Thompson, lives on a farm in this county, as does also Franklin.

Edward Wilcox grew up on the farm and was educated in the home schools. He has devoted his life to tilling the soil and his efforts have been amply rewarded. He owns a small tract of very productive land, and in connection with this he also operates his mother's homestead adjoining. He is a man of known public spirit and has served Palo Alto township in many ways; he has been a member of the school board for many years and is president of the same at this writing. He has also served two terms as township clerk, and has held several township offices, being regarded as a faithful and conscientious public servant.

On November 4, 1891, Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage with Sylvania V. Garey, daughter of Johnson and Ellen Garey, natives of Pennsylvania. They were extensive farmers and well known landowners, both being now deceased; Sylvania, who married Mr. Wilcox, was their adopted child.

To Edward Wilcox and wife three children have been born, all living, namely: Letha May, who was born September 11, 1892, is teaching in the county schools; Nina June, born September 13, 1894; Willis Frederick, born April 2, 1898.

Mrs. Wilcox is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their two daughters belong to the United Presbyterian church, and are active in the general work of the church and serving the local congregation as organists. Politically, Mr. Wilcox is a Democrat, and, fraternally, he belongs to Central Lodge No. 73, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; also Encampment No. 16, of Newton, Iowa.

## VERNON S. WHEELER.

One of the progressive young farmers of Jasper county who has been successful in his chosen field of endeavor because he has worked for definite ends along legitimate and approved lines is Vernon S. Wheeler, one of the worthy native sons of this county, born here on July 3, 1872. His parents were John F. and Ellen (Link) Wheeler, natives of Ohio, from which state they came to Jasper county, Iowa, when young and here they were married. The father devoted his early life to farming, but for thirty years prior to his death he was engaged in other business. Before coming to Reasnor he owned forty acres which he sold upon removing to town and here he engaged in the restaurant, meat and hotel business, which he conducted for twenty years. His death occurred in the town of Reasnor in 1906. He was always a man of vigorous and alert mind, and he took an abiding interest in whatever tended to promote the good of his community. He served in several offices in Palo Alto township, among them being that of constable. His family consisted of eight children, two of whom, Mrs. J. S. Sullivan and Bertie, an infant, are dead; those living are, Glen C., Robert E., "Don," Vernon S., Mrs. Edward Coker and Mrs. C. B. Walsh, both of Reasnor.

The father of these children was one of the brave sons of the North who served his country ably and well during the days of the Rebellion, having enlisted in 1861 in Company E, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years, receiving an honorable discharge. While in the service he took part in several of the most important engagements of the war, among them being the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Helena, Arkansas. He was a member of Garrett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Newton, and he belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church at Reasnor. In that town his widow still resides.

After receiving a good education Vernon S. Wheeler began life for himself when twenty-one years of age as a farmer, and in connection with general farming he did many other things in order to get a start and to earn an honest living. Later he came to Reasnor and conducted a livery business and feed barn for two years, after which he purchased a farm near Kellogg, selling the same a year later, then purchased the one near Reasnor, where he still resides. It consists of sixty-five acres, well improved and under a high state of cultivation. In connection with his farming business, he keeps for breeding purposes fine domestic and imported stallions, the principal bloods being Percheron, French draft, shire and German coach, the latter being a

high-grade bred trotting horse. These animals are greatly admired by all who see them, owing to their superior quality, and Mr. Wheeler is widely known as a horseman, being regarded as one of the best judges of horses in the county.

On February 28, 1901, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Nettie Bain, daughter of Hamilton and Margate (Farmer) Bain, and has proved to be a most loyal and faithful helpmeet, and is a woman of many praiseworthy attributes, having a wide circle of friends here. This union has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Ruth, born October 13, 1907; Eva, born November 4, 1909; Buela, born July 29, 1910.

Mr. Wheeler is a member of the Woodmen of the World of Reasnor, being a past sentry of that order. He is an energetic, wide-awake young farmer and business man to whom the future promises much.

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#### CHARLES H. SAUNDERS.

Success has attended the efforts of Charles H. Saunders, one of Jasper county's progressive native sons, because he has worked for it persistently along legitimate channels, and he comes of one of the old and highly honored pioneer families of this county, members of which have done much for the general development of the same. His birth occurred in Elk Creek township, this county, on January 17, 1861, and he is the son of M. V. and Theodata (Hews) Saunders, natives of Illinois, but who came to Iowa in their youth and were married here, the father coming to Jasper county in 1850, settling near Reasnor. Prior to the war he rented land, but at the close of the conflict purchased eighty acres, to which he subsequently added until he finally became the owner of over two hundred acres of good land, which he managed in a manner that brought large returns for his labor. He was also successful as a stock raiser. Selling out about twelve years ago, he engaged in the implement business in Newton, where he met with success; he retired from active work in 1894, since which time he has led a quiet life. His wife, born in 1839, still survives. His birth occurred in 1836. He has always been a man of great energy and public spirit and he has won and retained a host of warm personal friends by his life of industry, honesty and kindly nature.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Saunders, five of whom are living, Charles H. of this review, being the oldest; Marion died when thirteen years of age; Clara is the wife of George Woody, who resides in

Missouri on a farm; Fanny married Charles Parsons, a Missouri farmer, also; James died when ten years old; Hiram died in infancy; Harvey resides in Texas; Anna is the wife of Robert Lohr and lives in Newton.

On January 17, 1883, Mr. Saunders was married to Ida Black, daughter of Jonathan and Debora (VanDorn) Black, natives of Ohio. They came to Jasper county at an early date and here engaged in farming, becoming well established; both are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Saunders has been born one child, a son, Howard, whose birth occurred October 20, 1884. He is employed in a tile factory near Des Moines.

Charles H. Saunders began life for himself, after finishing school in the public schools, when twenty-one years of age, by taking up farming, which he followed until the spring of 1903 when he opened a general dry goods store, also handling notions and groceries, shoes and sundries, at Reasnor, which business he still conducts, enjoying an extensive and satisfactory patronage and maintaining a neatly kept and well-stocked store of up-to-date and carefully selected goods. His customers are always treated with uniform courtesy and fairness, so that they remain not only his customers but his friends also. He is well-known over the county and at this writing is very ably serving his third term as justice of the peace of Palo Alto township. He is a member of Monumental Lodge No. 311, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Galesburg, and is also a member of the Woodmen of the World of Reasnor, Maple Leaf Camp No. 173. Politically, he is a Republican. He takes an abiding interest in whatever makes for the general good of his community.

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#### ELMER LUST.

While yet young in years, Elmer Lust, one of the honored native sons of Jasper county, has shown what talents coupled with energy can accomplish when rightly directed, and when one is governed by proper ideals.

Mr. Lust was born on February 18, 1883, in Jasper county, Iowa, and he is the son of an excellent old family here, his parents, Riley and Amanda (Pender) Lust, having been well-known in the early history of the locality. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Indiana. The paternal grandparents were natives of Germany. Riley Lust is one of the most substantial and best known men in Jasper county as well as one of her largest land owners, although he is extremely modest regarding his achievements. Because of the sturdiness and genuine worth of his character he has the good

will and esteem of all who know him and is a public-spirited citizen of which any community might well be proud. He is largely interested in a great number of investments and enterprises aside from his extensive farm holdings, among others being the implement business in the town of Reasnor, in which his son, Elmer, of this review, is a partner. He is also a stockholder and director in the Reasnor Savings Bank, and has at all times been willing to serve his township in any capacity. At the present time he is leading a more or less retired life, having purchased a comfortable residence in Reasnor and moved thereto. He is a splendid example of hardy, honest German citizenship and is highly respected by all who know him.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Riley Lust, all of whom are living, namely: Fred E., born July 22, 1874; Alfred T., born March 30, 1876; John W., born June 20, 1878; Arthur J., born September 21, 1880; Elmer B., born February 18, 1883; Roy R., born July 4, 1885; Mamie J., born September 19, 1887, is the wife of Elmer Mercer, a farmer of this county; Katherine S., born March 5, 1890, is the wife of Carl Trout, a banker residing in West Grove, Iowa; Myrtle M., born August 19, 1893, is living at home; Carl M., born May 31, 1896, is also living at home.

Elmer Lust received a good education in the local schools and the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, making a good record; in 1903 he began life for himself on a farm, which he continued to run for two years, after which he engaged in the implement business with his father and W. E. Caldwell, the last named leaving the firm two years later, since which time the subject has had the general management of the store, which is one of the busiest places in Reasnor and a large and carefully selected stock of goods is carried at all seasons, handling up-to-date implements of all kinds, principally farming machinery, also wagons, buggies and vehicles of all kinds, and the trade they enjoy is an extensive and ever-increasing one.

On February 18, 1901, Mr. Lust was united in marriage with Bessie Jarnagin, the daughter of Henry and Elvira (McDuff) Jarnagin, both of whom were natives of Ohio; they have spent their lives on a farm and are still living, being highly respected in their neighborhood. They came to Iowa in an early day and are living at Monroe, Jasper county. Five children were born to them, all living, namely: Bert is on the home farm; June is the wife of H. V. Cating, a farmer near Galesburg; Clyde is a ball pitcher and travels; Vern, the youngest, is at home; Bessie, wife of the subject,

To Mr. and Mrs. Lust the following children have been born: Tracy, born June 11, 1903, and Max, born March 18, 1907.

Mrs. Lust is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Reasnor. Mr. Lust belongs to Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 277, at Monroe. He is director of the independent school district of Reasnor, and politically he is a stanch Republican. Owing to his uniform courtesy and his honest dealings with his fellow men, Mr. Lust has the confidence and good will of the entire community.

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#### OSCAR E. EFNOR.

For many years Oscar E. Efnor was regarded as one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of the vicinity of Reasnor, Jasper county, and he is now living in honorable retirement in Newton after an eminently active, successful and honorable career, maintaining a home that is comfortable, substantial and pleasant in all its appointments and which is regarded as a place of generous hospitality and good cheer by the host of warm friends which his genial disposition and honest relations with his fellow men have won.

Mr. Efnor was born in Fulton county, Illinois, April 9, 1857. He is the son of Oron and Frances (Mudget) Efnor, the father a native of Illinois and the mother of New York. The elder Efnor grew to maturity and was educated in his native state, coming to Iowa in the early fifties, locating among the pioneers in Jasper county, but a few years later he removed to Kansas where he died in 1861, while yet a young man. His wife, who survived him, married again, and is still living in Jasper county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oron Efnor, two of whom are living, besides the subject, the other being Mrs. Nettie McGregor, of Jasper county.

Oscar E. Efnor received a common school education and was reared on a farm, in fact, he has made farming his chief life work and he has been rewarded with a definite and very satisfactory reward, living near Reasnor, this county, most of the time, where he has a valuable, desirable, well-improved and attractive farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which he managed so skillfully from year to year as to bring him in a very substantial competence, so that he retired from active work two years ago, moving to Newton, where, as already stated, he has a fine home on North Farmer street. He has always been a lover of good horses and is regarded as one of the best judges of horses in the county, and he has always kept some good ones on his place, also other varieties of live stock. He is still interested in several large draft horses.

Mr. Efnor was married first to Lita Bell in 1882, and to this union five children were born: Maude died when twenty-one years of age; Grace is the wife of Robert Balis, of Green City, Missouri; Guy is farming in Jasper county; Earl is also farming in this county; Claud is a student in the Newton high school.

The mother of these children passed to her rest in 1895, and on December 16, 1908, Mr. Efnor was united in marriage with Mrs. Lillie M. (Ervin) Morberly, to which union there has been no issue. She is the daughter of William and Elsira (Fittro) Ervin. She was born in Highland county, Ohio, and she was brought to Iowa by her parents when she was fourteen years of age, and this family soon became leaders in their community, well-known and highly respected. Mr. Ervin was a farmer and he was at one time overseer of the poor farm in Jasper county for a period of eight years, during which time he performed his duties in a manner that stamped him as a man of ability and worthy of every trust and confidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Efnor are members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally he belongs to the Newton Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Woodmen of the World; Mrs. Efnor is a member of the Rebekah Lodge No. 227 and the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 100. Politically, Mr. Efnor is a Republican, and he has always supported such measures as made for the general progress of his county.

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#### ALBERT S. MACMILLAN.

Jasper county, Iowa, has been especially honored in the character and career of her public and professional men, but in every community there are to be found, rising above their fellows, individuals born to leadership in the various vocations, men who dominate not alone by superior intelligence and natural endowment, but by natural force of character which minimizes discouragements and dares important undertakings. Such men are by no means rare and it is always profitable to study their lives, weigh their motives and hold up their achievements as incentives to greater activity and higher excellence on the part of others just entering upon their first struggles with the world. These reflections are suggested by the career of Albert S. Macmillan, the able editor and publisher of the *Newton Herald*, a man who has forged his way to the front ranks in the exacting field of journalism, and who by a strong, inherent force, directed by intelligence and judgment of a high order,

stands today among the representative citizens of a community widely noted for the excellence of its professional talent, although he has only recently cast his lot with the people of Jasper county.

Mr. Macmillan was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 19, 1853. He was educated at the high school in Waverly, Iowa, having come to that city when a boy and there grew to manhood. Later he attended Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, from which historic institution he was graduated in the class of 1878.

Returning to Waverly, Iowa, well equipped for life's duties, he learned the newspaper business in the office of the *Republican* of that city, also the *Waverly Independent*. He went to Vandalia, Minnesota, in 1879 and started the *Journal*, which he continued to publish with success for a period of fourteen years, then moved his plant to Wadena, Minnesota, and continued the publication of the *Journal* there for four years. He established the *Motley Citizen* in 1888, which he published for two years. He moved from Wadena to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1897 and there he resided for a period of ten years during which he conducted a job office and also conducted the *Robbinsdale Park Progress* (the latter town being a suburb of Minneapolis). This was in 1904 and he continued the publication of the same two years, then purchased the *Enterprise* at Barlow, North Dakota, in 1908, which he continued three years. He came to Newton, Iowa, on April 1, 1911, and on October 1st of that year purchased the *Newton Herald*, of which he is now proprietor. He has increased the circulation of this paper, improved it in mechanical appearance and news and editorial efficiency, rendering it a valuable advertising medium. He is a careful, painstaking, progressive and persevering newspaper man, who is eminently deserving of the high rank which is accorded him by the newspaper fraternity of the north middle section of the United States where his efforts have been confined.

Mr. Macmillan has long taken an abiding interest in public affairs in the various communities where he has resided, his support having always been on the side of right as he saw and understood the right in all public matters. He was county superintendent of schools in Wadena county, Minnesota, for one term; he was president of the school board at Verndale, Minnesota, for six years. He was speaker's clerk in the House of Representatives of that state in 1889. He was postmaster at Verndale, Minnesota, and at Barlow, North Dakota. As a public servant he performed his duties in an able and conscientious manner, always to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. Religiously, he was one of the first members of the Congregational church at Verndale.

Mr. Macmillan has been employed in the job offices of the Faithorn Printing Company and Donnelly & Sons, of Chicago; the Pioneer Press Company, of St. Paul, and Miller & Davis, of Minneapolis.

Mr. Macmillan was married in 1882 to Eliza Dougherty, daughter of a highly esteemed family of Waverly, Iowa, and a lady of many praiseworthy characteristics. This union has been graced by the birth of three children, namely: Ethel, who was graduated from the University of Minnesota, and is now teacher of English in the high school at Rochester, Minnesota, having formerly been principal and teacher of English of the high school at Sauk Center, that state, for a period of three years; the two sons, Edward D. and Ralph A., are assisting Mr. Macmillan in the publication of the *Newton Herald*, each giving promise of bright future careers.

Personally, Mr. Macmillan is a genial and companionable, well-educated, public-spirited and honorable gentleman, whom to know is to respect and admire.

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#### DALLAS HANKE.

The true western spirit of progress and enterprise is strikingly exemplified in the lives of such men as Dallas Hanke, one of Jasper county's honored native sons, whose energetic nature and laudable ambition have enabled him to conquer many adverse circumstances and advance steadily. He has met and overcome obstacles that would have discouraged many men of less determination and won for himself not only a comfortable competency, together with one of the very choice farms of this favored locality, but also a prominent place among the enterprising men of this section of the great Hawkeye commonwealth. Such a man is a credit to any community and his life forcibly illustrates what energy and consecutive effort can accomplish when directed and controlled by correct principles and high moral resolves, and no man is worthier of conspicuous mention in a volume of the province of the one at hand.

Mr. Hanke was born in Jasper county on November 25, 1870, the son of Edward and Margaret (Armour) Hanke, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew to maturity, were educated and married, and the father worked as a candy-maker in Philadelphia for some time. About forty-five years ago he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Kellogg township, which he developed and on which he made

his home for twenty-five years, when he rented his farm, moved to Kellogg, and there engaged in the hotel business for two years, and from there he moved to Stewart for about three years and then he came to Newton, where he lived about three or four years and then returned to his farm for two years and then went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the grocery and oil business. There his death occurred about fifteen years ago at the age of sixty years. He was familiar with the oil business, having been engaged in that for some time in Pennsylvania. After his death his widow re-married, her last husband being John Ashley, and they are living in Newton, Iowa.

Dallas Hanke was the youngest child in a family of four children, namely: John is engaged in farming east of Newton; George died in Pennsylvania in very early life; Dena married James Hunter, a machinist, and they are living in Des Moines. By her second marriage Mrs. Hanke has no children.

Dallas Hanke received his schooling in the district school in Kellogg township and also attended school some in Newton. He started in life for himself when twelve years of age and when twenty years old he began farming for himself. He purchased eighty acres of land in Newton township when he was twenty-one years old and this he farmed for sixteen years, when he sold it together with another eighty which he had added to it. This was in 1907. He then bought the place he now owns and put up a fine, modern residence. His splendid farm here consists of two hundred and five acres, well improved and under a high state of cultivation, in fact, there is no more valuable or desirable farm in the county, and, considering the fact that he has made this fine property by his own efforts, he has a just cause to be proud of it. He has never depended upon anyone to do either his work or planning, and, having managed well and closely applied himself, his large success is the legitimate reward of energy well spent, a life honorably lived.

In 1892 Mr. Hanke was united in marriage with Mary Vincent, who was born at Metz, Iowa, the daughter of Platt and Alla (Hitchler) Vincent. Her parents were very early settlers at Metz. Mr. Vincent, who is now seventy years of age, has been a teacher in the public schools for a period of fifty years and is still engaged in the work, being one of the best known and popular educators of the county, his services having been in great demand, both his ability and character having been fully tested and found of the highest order. His wife died when the daughter, Mrs. Hanke, was three years of age. Mr. Vincent has remained faithful to his wife's memory and has never married again. His only other child, besides Mrs. Hanke, was a son, who died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hanke five children have been born, as follows: Raymond, who is attending high school in Newton; Floy has just completed the graded schools; Alva attends school in Newton, as does also Merlo; Earl is a year old at this writing.

Mr. Hanke is a staunch Republican, and while he takes the interest of a good citizen in the affairs of his town and county, he is not a seeker after public honors. He is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Newton, as is also Mrs. Hanke, who is a cultured and affable lady, who, like her husband, has made a host of friends since moving here.

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#### HANS PETER ANDERSON.

Kellogg township, Jasper county, can boast of no more typical twentieth-century farmer than Hans Peter Anderson, as is shown by a cursory glance over his well improved, well tilled and well kept farm, where everything seems to be in its place and all under a superb system.

Mr. Anderson was born in Malmo, Sweden, October 23, 1859. He is the son of Peter and Hannah (Swanson) Anderson, both born in 1840 in the same place as their son.

The subject grew to maturity in his native country and went to school in Malmo until he was thirteen years of age. He came to America in 1871 and settled in Kellogg township, Jasper county, Iowa. He saw the future possibilities here and has remained. In order to get a start he herded cattle and worked on the farm by the day for five years, devoting his time especially to gathering corn in the fall of the year. Then he railroaded for four years for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific road, serving three years at section work for the same. Upon leaving the road he purchased eighty acres and began farming for himself in 1883. Thirty acres of this land was timbered, about ten acres of which he cleared during the first four years and in 1890 he added one hundred and seventy-three acres, thus making him a splendid farm of two hundred and fifty-three acres, which he has gradually improved and kept well cultivated, raising general staple crops and hogs, cattle and horses. He has an attractive and well furnished home and good outbuildings.

In 1883 he married, in Kellogg, Iowa, Karna Anderson, who was born in Malmo, Sweden, June 16, 1863, and this union has resulted in the birth of eight children, seven daughters and one son, namely: Hannah, born November 1, 1883, died December 18th following; Hannah Elizabeth, born November

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11, 1884; Mary, born September 18, 1886; Hulda Amelia, born October 31, 1888; Carrie, born September 1, 1890; Harry, born August 10, 1893, died November 7th following; Ethel Agnes, born August 28, 1894; Delia Pearl, born November 11, 1896; May, born May 15, 1899; Laurence Wilbur, born September 25, 1903.

Mr. Anderson was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican and belongs to the Christian church. He has always taken a great interest in public affairs and has held numerous local offices, having been school director for twenty years, holding this position at present. He was president of the school board of his district, his term expiring January 1, 1911, he having held that position since 1909, and he has served in that capacity four different times, always most satisfactorily.

Mr. Anderson is president of the Farmers Elevator Company at Kellogg, which was organized in June, 1909, at which time he was elected president, and the large success achieved by this concern has been due principally to his judicious management and wise counsel. He relates with interest of his trip from Sweden which was made on the old Allen line steamer, he having taken passage from Liverpool, England, to Quebec, Canada. He then came direct to Kellogg, Iowa. He could not then understand or speak a word of English, thus finding it very difficult to make himself understood, but he was treated with every courtesy and consideration. He found rather primitive conditions here, most of the settlers still living in rude shanties, and frequently during the long winters he would awaken to find the snow drifting under his bed, but, nothing daunted, he has forged to the front over every obstacle and is today one of the substantial and influential men of his community.

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#### JAMES LEE.

The life history of James Lee, an honored citizen of Newton, Jasper county, is that of a man who has lived for a high purpose and has succeeded because his efforts have been rightly directed, and now in the golden evening of his life he can look over the vista of the past and realize that, after all, the "lines have been cast for him in pleasant places," and he faces the future with the calm assurance that "all is well."

Mr. Lee is of sterling old New England stock, having been born in Bristol county, Massachusetts, June 30, 1831. He is the son of Stephen and Sarah (West) Lee, both natives of Massachusetts, in which state they were

reared, educated, married and spent their lives on a farm, both being now deceased. They were the parents of eight children, James of this review being the only one living, although they all lived to be over fifty years of age.

James Lee grew to maturity in his native state and received a good public school education. Believing that the then new Middle West held peculiar advantages for the willing worker, he came to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1854, thence to Bremer county, Iowa, where he remained until 1856, when he moved to Bellevue, Nebraska, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1858 he went to Colorado, where he remained three years, driving from Omaha to Denver, in 1858, the year in which the present great city of Denver was started. In 1861 he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and engaged in farming, which he followed successfully up to about twenty years ago when he retired from active work. He has also large interests in Nebraska and town property in Newton. He has been very successful in whatever he has been engaged, having always worked hard and managed well. His fortune will aggregate easily one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Lee was married first in 1862 to Sarah Whitcomb, who was born in Indiana and whose death occurred in 1884. To this union six children were born, one dying in infancy, namely: Marietta, wife of Rev. M. L. Rose, of Yakima, Washington; Cady died in infancy; Hon. C. G. is at present circuit judge of the district embracing Ames, Iowa, in which city he lives; Orpha is the wife of Dick Daley, of Newton, Iowa; James E. and Stephen A. also live in Newton. In 1885 Mr. Lee married Penelope Thralkild, a native of Missouri, who died in 1887.

In 1893 Mr. Lee was married to Eliza E. Davis, who was born in Indiana, but was reared in Iowa, to which state she was brought by her parents when a baby. To this union there was no issue. She was the daughter of C. M. Davis, an old settler and highly respected citizen of Jasper county.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Christian church, of which he is an elder and a liberal supporter, in fact, a pillar. Mrs. Lee is also a faithful member of this church. He has held several minor township offices, such as township treasurer and he has been school treasurer for many years in Kellogg township where he lived on his farm before he moved to Jasper. He was also township clerk and a member of the school board quite a while. Politically, he has supported both parties as his conscience dictated.

He has a beautiful, modern and commodious home on East Main street, Newton, which was built in 1905. Here the many friends of the family frequently gather, always finding an old-time hospitality and good cheer prevailing.

Mr. Lee is a man whom to know is to honor, for he is a whole-souled, genial and genteel gentleman, widely read, an excellent conversationalist, a man who has kept abreast of the times and who has always stood ready to support those measures looking toward the general good of his community, and no man in the county is more popular or held in higher esteem; however, he is a plain, unassuming man, contented merely to be a good citizen of a good country.

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### SAMUEL FAILOR.

It is no easy task to describe adequately a man who has led an eminently active and busy life and who has attained a position of relative distinction in the community with which his interests are allied. But biography finds its most perfect justification, nevertheless, in the tracing and recording of such a life history. It is, then, with a full appreciation of all that is demanded and of the painstaking scrutiny that must be accorded each statement, and yet with a feeling of satisfaction, that the writer essays the task, touching upon the details of such a record as has been that of Samuel Failor, long a well-known business man of Newton, Jasper county, but who is now living in honored retirement.

Mr. Failor was born at Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, on June 10, 1835, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Meyers) Failor, natives of Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather was also named Andrew Failor. The father of the subject was a farmer, but in the early part of his life he learned the tailor's trade. He moved to Ohio in 1831 and entered land from the government and there, practically in the wilderness, he developed a good farm on which he spent the balance of his life, his death occurring in 1849, at the age of fifty years, his birth having occurred in 1799. He was a man of advanced ideas, of much more than average intelligence and foresight, and he was prominent socially and politically in his neighborhood. After his marriage he attended school and studied surveying, and always a student, he became a well-informed man. He was a life-long Democrat and active in politics. He was elected associate judge from his district in Ohio on the Democratic ticket, which he held until his death. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1800, also reached the advanced age of ninety years. Their family consisted of nine children, of whom Samuel, of this review, was the sixth in order of birth; they are, Andrew, who came to Iowa in 1855, became well-known and successful as a farmer and stock man, and his death

occurred in Washington, D. C.; A. Jefferson, who devoted his life to farming, died in Ohio; Katherine E. died in infancy; Benjamin A., for many years a prominent physician of Newton, Iowa, was murdered about nine years ago, one night while answering a sick call, the motive for the tragedy having been robbery, the murderer having been finally captured and brought to justice, this having been one of the most regrettable and sensational murders in the history of the county; he was a veteran of the Civil war, having gone to the front as a lieutenant and when he was mustered out he ranked as major; he was in the Nineteenth Army Corps; he came to Iowa in 1866; he left one child, a daughter, Anna. Margaret J. Failor, who married John F. Mitchell, died in Springfield, Ohio; Mary, the widow of Joseph H. Lyday, lives in Newton; Elizabeth, who married in Ohio, David Fullerton, later moved to Augusta, Georgia, and is deceased; Cecilia is the wife of Rev. H. S. Cook, formerly pastor of the Lutheran church in Newton, now living in Pennsylvania.

Samuel Failor, of this review, got his education in the public schools of Bucyrus, Ohio. He was apprenticed three years to a tinner to learn that trade. In 1856 he came to Iowa, reaching here in the winter when the ground was covered with an unusually deep snow, having made the trip from Iowa City to Newton by stage, the horses being scarcely able to travel through the deep snow. During his first two years in the new country he broke prairie with an ox team then, after working at his trade for a short time, went into business for himself, but when the Civil war broke out he arranged his affairs in such a manner as would permit him to go to the front, so in 1862 he enlisted in the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, but that same day he secured a substitute and then enlisted as a musician in Gen. G. M. Dodge's Third Brigade band, Second Division, Sixteenth Army Corps, and he served faithfully for a period of three years, receiving an honorable discharge at Louisville, Kentucky, on July 7, 1865. He was at both battles of Corinth, at Atlanta, Kenesaw Mountain, and many others, and was with General Sherman on his famous campaign. He hired a man to look after his business while he was in the army, at the rate of fifty dollars per month, but when he returned he found his business ruined. Ten days after his return he opened up a hardware store, but seven months later he sold out and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Malaka township, which he farmed for eight years, then sold out and went into the dry goods business in Kellogg; three years later he sold out and again went into the tinning business, in which he continued with his usual success for fifteen years, when he sold

out and came to Newton and launched a lightning rod and eaves-trough business, in the interest of which he traveled over the county and adjacent territory, covering a radius of forty miles. Continuing in this line three years, he retired from active work, turning his business over to his sons. He met with encouraging success in whatever he attempted. He owns a good residence and several pieces of valuable property in Newton.

In September, 1865, Mr. Failor was united in marriage with Lucy E. Winslow, who was born August 15, 1843, at Pittsford, Vermont, the daughter of E. S. and Almino Winslow, natives of Vermont. This family came to Iowa in 1855. Mr. Winslow, who devoted his life to farming, died in Newton, Iowa, at the age of fifty-four years. They were the parents of a large family, twelve children, but only a few of them lived to maturity; Charles F., a veteran of the Civil war, died in Nebraska; H. S., who became a well-known attorney, and at one time judge of this circuit, died at Newton; Clarissa M. married Jeffrey Stone, who at one time lived in Newton, and who died in Lincoln, Nebraska, and she died in Lander, Wyoming; Willard, an old soldier, is living in the state of Washington; Mary, widow of William Whitecomb, lives in Washington.

To Mr. and Mrs. Failor five children, all sons, have been born, namely: Clarence W., who was editor of the *Newton Courier* for nine years and who has remained unmarried, lives at home; Elmer J. and Holland J. both live in Newton, engaged in the tinning business; they are married and each has five children; H. Virgil lives at Tucson, Arizona, where he is a prominent attorney and is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of that city; he was graduated from Grinnell College, also the University of Nebraska, and for some time he was professor of the school at Denniston, Iowa; he is married and has three children. George F. Failor, who formerly taught school at Grinnell, is still a resident of that city; he is married and has two sons.

Mr. Failor is a member of Garrett Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic. He is a progressive Republican. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church at Newton. Mrs. Failor is a lady of splendid intellectual attainments. She taught school from the time she was fifteen years old until her marriage at the age of twenty-two. For two years she was the state organizer of Bands of Hope, under the auspices of the Good Templar lodge. She has long been an ardent worker for temperance, and is a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She is widely and most favorably known, being a lady of talent and refinement, high social standing and a worker for any cause having for its object the betterment of the community in general.

## WILLIAM J. KLING.

The qualities which have made William J. Kling one of the prominent and most successful of agriculturists and stock men of Palo Alto township, Jasper county, have also brought him the esteem of his fellow citizens, for his career has been one of well directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods. He works under a superb system, keeps everything in its proper place and does not disregard small details. Such methods as he employs always insure a fair if not very large measure of success in all lines.

Mr. Kling was born December 25, 1863, in Germany, the ninth child in a family of ten children born to John and Elizabeth (Rotdh) Kling, both natives of Germany. John Kling in his later years followed farming for the most part and in this was very successful. He came to America with his family in 1870 and for a few months they stopped in St. Clair county, Illinois, where some of their relatives were residing, but early in the year 1871 they pushed on farther west and located in Jasper county, Iowa, Mr. Kling buying two hundred acres of land in Elk Creek township. Here he prospered becoming one of the township's most extensive land owners, and as a child married he gave each a certain amount of land. At the time of his death he owned three hundred acres, but had quit farming ten years previously. His death occurred on June 16, 1899, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1875 at the age of fifty-two years. Their ten children all grew to sturdy manhood and womanhood.

William J. Kling attended the public schools of Elk Creek township and soon after coming of age his father gave him eighty acres of land. A few years later (1890) he purchased seventy acres more. He now has one of the choicest farms in the township, comprising two hundred and sixty acres, eighty acres of which is in section 1 and one hundred and eighty acres in section 12, adjoining. He has brought his land up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He has a fine, modern home and excellent buildings of all kinds. He keeps a good grade of live stock and is in every respect one of our most enterprising farmers.

On April 9, 1891, Mr. Kling was united in marriage with Wilhelmina Andreas, daughter of F. C. and Wilhelmina (Castorf) Andreas, both natives of Germany. She was born in Elk Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on January 15, 1870. Her parents were both children when they came to America; they became well established here, Mr. Andreas being one of the leading farmers of Elk Creek township. Mr. Andreas died March 18, 1911. Of the ten children born in his family, all survive.

In 1901 Mr. Kling sold his farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Elk Creek township and bought two hundred and sixty acres in Palo Alto township, where he now lives.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kling four children have been born, namely: Elma, born October 25, 1892; Ada, born July 14, 1895; Leonard, born November 21, 1898; Lorene, born November 1, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Kling are members of the Lutheran church. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is a man of high character and sterling worth, of an enterprising and progressive spirit and possessing excellent judgment, and he always stands for a square deal between man and man. It is to men of the character of Mr. Kling that this country owes so much.

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#### MILTON VANSOY.

Milton Vanseoy, who is a prosperous farmer living near the little station of Murphy, in Buena Vista township, is a fine example of what a man can accomplish by industry and thrift. He was born in Randolph county, West Virginia, in the year 1849, and is the son of John and Emily (Slagel) Vanseoy, both natives of West Virginia, and of Randolph county. In 1870 John Vanseoy and his wife came to Iowa, where their son Milton had preceded them a couple of years. They did not locate here permanently, but proceeded on to Kansas, and established a home in Coffey county, that state. It was not long until the home was broken up, by the death of John Vanseoy, which occurred in 1871 in the little town of Leroy. He was sixty-five years of age at the time of his death, and was the last of the surviving members of a family of ten children. The mother, Emily Vanseoy, who died in 1880, was the daughter of Jacob and Susan Slagel, and was one of thirteen children, three of whom still survive. Two of them, Ely Slagel, eighty-two years old, and Elizabeth Slagel, eighty-four, neither of whom ever married, make their home with their nephew, the subject of this review. Jacob Slagel, another brother, lives in Hayworth, Illinois, and is eighty years old.

Milton Vanseoy, the subject of this sketch, was one of ten children, six of whom are now living, namely: Isaiah, born in 1848, lives in Rockville, Nebraska; Perry, born in 1856, lived in Revenna, Nebraska, but is now dead; Jacob L., born in 1864 and who makes his home in St. Louis, is a railroad carpenter and travels a great deal; W. A., born in 1868, lives in Jasper county, Iowa; Lucy J., born in 1870, married Daniel Jackson, and lives in Killduff,

Jasper county, Iowa; Noah D. died at the age of forty years at Tacoma, Washington; Elizabeth died in infancy; and Jasper, who died at Van Cleve, Marshall county, Iowa, in 1909, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Milton Vanscoy came to Iowa in 1868 and was employed as a farm hand and at other labor. He saved a little money and in 1870 went to Coffey county, Kansas, but was there defrauded and swindled out of his savings. He managed to obtain enough money to pay his way back to Iowa, and returned here in 1871. In a short time after his return to Jasper county, he commenced buying land. He bought in small tracts, the first being eight acres, and has from time to time since added to it until he now owns one hundred and thirty-five acres of fine land. He also owns a tract of six acres in the city of Newton.

In 1882 Mr. Vanscoy was united in marriage to Mary C. Davis, who was born in 1846 and is the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Fleece) Davis. Her mother died near North Salem, Indiana, when the daughter Mary was a small child. Her father a few years later married Mary Zimmerman.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vanscoy have been born two children: Nora, born in 1884, who married A. K. Miller, a street car motorman, now living in Los Angeles, California; they have two children, Ralph and Harold; Pearl, born in 1886, married Wildman M. Woods, a machinist, living in Jasper county; they have two children, Meryl and Francis.

Both of Mr. Vanscoy's daughters are accomplished musicians. Mr. Vanscoy was at one time director of the schools of his district. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Protestant church, to which they give an earnest support. Public-spirited, enterprising and honorable in business, genial in social intercourse, and stanch in his friendships, Mr. Vanscoy has won and retains the good will and esteem of all who know him.

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#### GEORGE A. HANS.

Among the progressive German citizens of Jasper county whose labors have benefited alike themselves and the community in general the name of George A. Hans should be mentioned among the first in the list, for a glance at his well kept and highly improved place would indicate that he is a man of thrift and modern ideas; besides he is a man of splendid reputation for honesty and fair dealing, and his whole life is not given over to sordid money getting, the finer attributes of his nature making themselves manifest.

Mr. Hans was born April 12, 1864, in Jones county, Iowa, and he is the son of Andrew and Mary (Schwab) Hans, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1850, when he was nineteen years old; the voyage across the Atlantic required thirty-one days on that occasion. Landing in New York, he remained there several years, engaged in fishing and farming. Later he removed to Illinois, where he remained a year or two, then came to Iowa, buying forty acres in Jones county. Here he prospered by reason of untiring efforts along judicious lines and, adding to his place from time to time, he finally became the owner of four hundred acres and became one of the substantial and influential men of his vicinity. In 1893 he moved to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought two hundred and forty acres in section 24, Newton township, and he there established a splendid home. He is now living retired at the advanced age of eighty-one years, living with his daughter at Nevada, Story county, this state. At the present time he owns eighty acres, formerly owned by his son, Andrew, Jr. His wife died in 1877; she was the mother of George A., of this review. The father subsequently married Malinda Hartman, who is now deceased. Four years ago Andrew Hans, Sr., made a trip to Germany, visiting his old home and relatives. While he lived in Jones county, his old mother came from Germany to visit him. He has been a good and useful man, doing much for the communities where he has lived and winning a host of friends by his kindness and genial ways.

George A. Hans, of this review, was one of a family of nine children, of whom Nettie, Mary, Henry, Carrie, Elmer and Eddie died before reaching maturity; Andrew died four years ago, leaving a wife and one child; he was a farmer in Newton township; Amelia is with her father in Story county, as mentioned above; George A. was the fourth in order of birth.

The subject came to Jasper county with his father and here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 14, Newton township. Selling this four years ago, he obtained possession of the farm his father bought in section 24 and here he has since resided, engaged very successfully in general farming and stock raising, becoming well known as a breeder of shorthorn cattle. He has a splendid farm, well improved and up-to-date. He has a commodious and elegantly furnished house and substantial outbuildings.

In 1889 Mr. Hans was united in marriage with Hattie Mitchell, who was born in Jones county, Iowa, February 6, 1868. She is the daughter of John and Harriet (Street) Mitchell, natives of Ohio, who moved to Jones county in an early day and there engaged successfully in farming, the father dying in 1902, at the age of sixty-seven years; the mother died in March, 1912, aged seventy-four years. Their family consisted of twelve children, named as

follows: Francis lives in Oklahoma, where Peasley also resides; Tom lives in Jones county, Iowa; Mary married George Wherry, of Story county; Furby married Sigle Overholtz, of Jones county; Emma is at home; Talbert is in business at Tipton, Iowa; Anna married Harvey Wherry, of Story county; Wilbur is in business at Tipton; Jerome lives on a farm in Jones county, engaged in business with Wilbur; Laurence lives at West Branch.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hans: Georgie, born September 24, 1891; Velma, born September 4, 1896, is attending Muncie high school and she has received a musical education; John, born January 12, 1898.

Mr. Hans is a member of the Yeomen lodge at Newton, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Newton. Politically, he is a Republican.

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#### GEORGE W. WORMLEY.

Perhaps as well known and well respected citizen for his years as the entire county can boast of is Prof. George W. Wormley, former head of old Hazel Dell Academy and now prosperous farmer. Keen, alert, vigorous of mind and body, he is a type of that nervous, aggressive manhood that means so much to any community or country. He was born in McDonough county, Illinois, May 25, 1860, being the son of Samuel S. and Susan (Shoopman) Wormley, the father being a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Illinois. Mr. Wormley was very fortunate in possessing a father of more than ordinary character and culture. As a boy, the father came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, where he remained but a short time, later removing to Illinois, where he learned the mason's and plasterer's trade and where he was married. After his marriage, he taught school for about one and one-half years, after which he moved to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1867, arriving in Jasper county with nothing but his wife, two children and an old wagon. At once he began working at his trade, which he followed for two years, after which he rented part of what was then known as the old Newton farm, where he remained two years. At the end of that time he purchased forty acres of naked land about one mile north of Newton, moved on to it and began farming, working at his trade in the fall. By 1876 he had accumulated enough so that by selling the forty acres, he was enabled to purchase the King farm of one hundred acres near the old College farm, and to this he later added enough of the old College farm to make his holdings two hundred and thirty acres. The father

was one of the stalwarts of his time, taking great interest in all educational matters and in all the progressive movements of his day and taking care that each of his large family of children received the best education that could be procured. As a farmer he was one of the best in the county, being known far and wide as a model farmer. Religiously, he was a Congregationalist, being a consistent member of that church. He died upon the home place July 3, 1906, at the age of seventy-three years. He is survived by his wife, who at this writing is aged sixty-seven years.

The subject of this review is one of a family of twelve brothers and sisters, seven boys and five girls, of whom the subject is the oldest. But one, Henry W., is dead, having been killed by falling from a mower in 1885 when a boy; Thomas J., residing in Kingsley, Plymouth county, Iowa, is principal of the city schools; John M., an attorney, resides in the same place; Samuel A., also of Kingsley, is engaged in the livery business; Armenta A., wife of G. O. Kelly, a stockman, resides in Newton; Cora B., wife of Hiram Hand, a farmer, resides in Jasper county; Luella, wife of H. S. Kelly, of Omaha, Nebraska, where Mr. Kelly has charge of the commissary department of Ringling Brothers shows; Mary, widow of Dr. W. E. Harremon, lives in Story, Iowa, her husband having formerly been the physician of the state college there; Patience E., wife of H. C. Korf, attorney, resides in Newton; James G., a farmer, resides with his mother on the home place; David F., a farmer, resides in this county.

Mr. Wormley was united in marriage to Mary E. Spencer, daughter of Henry M. and Amanda (Chambers) Spencer, March 17, 1885, her parents being natives of Ohio. They came to Jasper county in 1858 where they have since remained, the father being one of the pioneers of the county.

Mrs. Wormley is one of four children, two of whom are living and two dead, Charles and William; Burton, born June 8, 1858; and Mary E., born January 27, 1862, still survive.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wormley have been born six children, namely: Donald S., born October 20, 1886, is in Ames College at Ames, Iowa; Burton H., born October 21, 1888, is also in Ames College; Frederick B., born June 26, 1891, is in high school at Newton; Hazel Dell, born April 19, 1893; George M., born May 28, 1896; Mary E., born December 30, 1899, the last two being still at home.

Mr. Wormley is one the foremost educators of the county. He began teaching at the age of eighteen in the county schools and after teaching nine terms, in the spring of 1881 went to Ames College, from which institution he was graduated in 1884 as a civil engineer. The year following his gradu-

tion he purchased old Hazel Dell Academy, an institution which has probably had enrolled seventy-five per cent. of the business men of Newton and vicinity at one time or another and about which a fine glamour of college romance will ever linger. He was principal of this school for nine years or up until 1893, giving to it all the energy and genius of his remarkably strong character. Then the name was changed to Newton Normal College, and many changes made in the buildings and their location, a new building being erected by a lot sale plan. The new school was continued until 1896, when Mr. Wormley severed his connection with it in order to take his family onto a farm. Selling the school, he purchased the fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres upon which he now lives, becoming one of the good farmers of the county, for Mr. Wormley does everything he attempts thoroughly and well. In connection with his general farming he raises thoroughbred hogs and cattle.

Mr. Wormley is one of the finest mathematicians in the state, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his excellent wife and family. He is also a member of the Central Lodge No. 73, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Newton, having gone through all the chairs, subordinate, encampment and canton. George W. Wormley is clean, fearless and straight out from the shoulder, despising hypocrisy and deceit and never courting tawdry acclaim. He is one of Jasper county's best citizens.

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#### JAMES M. BROWN.

Among the honored citizens of Jasper county who shouldered their guns when Fort Sumter was fired upon and who followed the flag through many bloody campaigns and harassing marches during the great Civil war, none bore a more honorable part than James M. Brown, now living in retirement after a long and useful life, devoted principally to general agricultural pursuits and stock raising, a man who has richly earned the high esteem in which he is held by all classes in this locality, for he has done much toward the general upbuilding of his vicinity and his ideals have ever been high, and his conduct above reproach.

Mr. Brown was born in Washington county, Ohio, December 18, 1841, and he is the son of Zebediah and Hannah (Ward) Brown, the father being a native of New York and the mother of Pennsylvania. They devoted their lives to farming, leaving Ohio when their son, James M., of this review,

was one year old and went to West Virginia, where they lived nine years. In 1850 the family came to Iowa, making the trip by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi and landing at Princeton, where the father bought a large tract of land and began farming. His death occurred in 1852 of typhoid fever; the epidemic which took him away also killed the subject's uncle, brother and niece. James W. continued to live with his mother until her death in 1857, at which time he went to live with a married sister, remaining with her until the outbreak of the Civil war. On October 28, 1861, he proved his patriotism and courage, although but a boy of twenty, by enlisting in Company E, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was sent by way of Davenport to Benton Barracks, where he was drilled for several months. He was then sent to Jefferson City, Missouri, and there was discharged from his regiment on account of complications following an attack of measles. He then went home, where he remained until August 15, 1862, when he re-enlisted in Company G, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for the three years' service. He was again sent to Benton Barracks, thence to Rolla, Missouri, marching from there to Springfield, that state, and later to Fayetteville, Arkansas, fighting several skirmishes en route. At Fayetteville he took part in the battle of Prairie Grove, then marched all the way back to St. Louis. He took part in some of the most desperate battles of the war, including Iron Mountain, Duvall's Bluff, siege of Vicksburg, Yazoo, Port Hudson, New Orleans, Morganza Bend, the Red River expedition, Mobile Bay, Fort Morgan, Fort Blakely, and although his service was hard and dangerous he always acquitted himself as a true soldier. On July 8, 1865, he was honorably discharged, and returned to Scott county, Iowa, where he farmed until 1869, then came to Jasper county, Iowa.

On November 1, 1866, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Sarah E. Morrison, of Orange county, New York, the daughter of Henry and Harriet (Sherman) Morrison, both natives of New York, in which state they spent their lives on a farm and there the father died, after which the mother brought her family of nine children to Wisconsin and later to Iowa, in which state she died.

Mr. Brown is one of a family of eight children, of whom three are living. Mrs. Lafayette Martin, of Creswell, Oregon; Addison F. and himself.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brown nine children have been born, three of whom are deceased; George and Charles died in infancy; Henry died on the farm east of Newton when twenty-two years old; Edward is at home; Carrie is the wife of L. L. Powers; Gertrude is at home; Kellogg, Frank, Eben and Bertram are all in South Dakota on farms.

Mrs. Brown has two brothers and a sister living at this time, Henry Morrison, of Newton; John Morrison, of Plattsburg, Wisconsin; Mrs. Catherine Wallace, of Springville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Congregational church of Newton. He belongs to Garrett Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He has been very successful as a business man. Besides his city property, he has considerable property in South Dakota. Prior to his retirement, five years ago, he farmed near Kellogg and later near Newton. He is a Republican and has served his township as assessor, road supervisor, member of the school board and in other capacities, always discharging his duties in a very able and acceptable manner. He has served his party as committeeman and as a delegate to both county and state conventions, and he has always made his influence felt for the good of the same. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. She is a lady of high intelligence and culture and, like her husband, enjoys the friendship of a very wide circle of acquaintances.

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#### WARREN A. KITCHEL

One of the most active and successful of the young native farmers of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, is Warren A. Kitchel, and, judging from his past record, the future holds much in store for him, for he belongs to that class of men who believe in carving out their own fortunes, laying their own plans and doing their own work, never waiting for fortune to come to them or for someone else to perform their tasks.

Mr. Kitchel was born on May 8, 1880, in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, on the farm on which he still resides and there he grew to maturity and began working when but a small boy. During the winter months he attended the neighboring schools. He resided north of Collins three years, in Rhodes one year and six months and two years in Collins, the remainder of his life being spent on the home farm, which he purchased in 1910. It consists of eighty acres and lies in Clear Creek township, and on March 1, 1911, he moved thereto and he is placing it under excellent improvements and proving his ability at building up the soil.

Warren A. Kitchel is the son of Albert and Lusetta (Roberts) Kitchel, the father born in Michigan, February 9, 1837, and the mother in Ohio in 1842, and they grew up and received such education as they could in the pioneer schools of their respective communities. Immigrating to Jasper county,

Iowa, in 1853, among the early settlers, they were married here and here they worked hard to develop a farm in the new country and they are still living at Collins. There were six children in the Kitchel family, including a half sister, now deceased: Mrs. Gertrude Darling was born January 1, 1870, and is living in Rhodes, Iowa; Mrs. Laura Jackson, born March 8, 1872, is living in Forest City, Iowa; Ed was born April 8, 1875, and is living in Collins township, Story county; Mrs. Kate Stevens, born March 27, 1877, is living near Pratt, Iowa; Warren A., of this sketch, is the youngest. They were all reared in Clear Creek township, and here attended the common schools.

The father, Albert Kitchel, was a soldier in the Union army, having enlisted from Minnesota.

Warren A. Kitchel was married on February 11, 1903, to Ella Graef, who was born in Newton, Iowa, January 15, 1879 and she was reared in Story county. She is the daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Walker) Graef, the father born in Germany, from which country he emigrated to the United States, located in Story county, Iowa, and died there on February 7, 1910. The mother, who was born in Ohio, is living in Collins, Iowa. One brother, Fred Graef, who was born in Story county in September, 1868, is living near Riceville, Iowa.

Politically, Mr. Kitchel is a Republican and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America of Collins. Mrs. Kitchel belongs to the Christian church at Collins.

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#### MRS. BRUCE CARSON.

Mrs. Bruce Carson, whose maiden name was Murdock, was born in Scotland in 1869, coming with her parents to America when one year old. She is the daughter of Archibald and Margaret Murdock, who were born in Scotland, and is the widow of the late Robert Carson, who died in October, 1908.

Mrs. Carson has two brothers and one sister, all of whom reside in Jasper county. They are James Murdock, William Murdock and Mrs. Claude Carrier, all of them prominent and well-known people of the county. Mrs. Carson is an energetic and capable woman and, with the assistance of her step-children, successfully manages and operates the large farm upon which she resides. The husband of the subject of this sketch was also born in Scotland, coming to this country twenty-five years prior to this date. Upon his arrival he engaged in mining, which occupation he followed more or less

until he died, operating a mine upon his home farm, which since his demise his widow now controls.

Mr. Carson was a prominent man in his county, being a member of the First Presbyterian church at Newton, the county seat of the county, and being affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and that of the Woodmen of the World at the time of his death. In politics he was a Democrat, but often voted independently.

The subject of this sketch has no children of her own, but is a good mother to the three children of the former wife of Mr. Carson. The children are, respectively, Ellen Carson, aged twenty-two; Mary Carson, aged nineteen, and Archie Carson, aged eighteen, who all reside with their mother upon the home farm, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres of as good land as the county affords. Mrs. Carson's home is one of the best in Palo Alto township.

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#### HON. HERBERT K. SKINNER.

It is the progressive, wide-awake man of affairs who makes the real history of a community, and his influence as a potential factor of the body politic is difficult to estimate. The examples such men furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, and there is always a full measure of satisfaction in adverting even in a casual way to their achievements in advancing the interests of their fellow men and in giving strength and solidity to the institutions which tell so much for the prosperity of the community. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of incident and yet in summing up the career of any man the biographer needs touch only those salient points which give the keynote to his character. Thus in setting forth the life record of Hon. Herbert K. Skinner, sufficient will be said to show what all who know him will freely acquiesce in, that he is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens and representative men of Iowa, at present the able and popular representative from Jasper county in the state Legislature. Such a life as his is an inspiration to others who are less courageous and more prone to give up the fight when obstacles thwart their way, or their ideals have been reached or definite success has been obtained in any chosen field. In the life history of Mr. Skinner are found evidences of a peculiar characteristic that always makes for achievement—persistency coupled with fortitude and lofty traits—and as the result of such a life he has long been one of the best known, most influential and highly esteemed citizens of this locality.



Hon. Herbert K. Skinner



Mr. Skinner was born in Stockholm, St. Lawrence county, New York, April 2, 1849. In 1853 he moved with his parents to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where they remained until 1860, in which year they moved to Jasper county and have been continuous residents here ever since.

The subject secured his education in the rural schools, supplemented with high school privileges at Newton. He began his career as a teacher, which profession he followed with much success for a period of twelve years in this county, during which time many of the foremost men of this community were numbered among his pupils.

Mr. Skinner is the son of George and Abigail (Kingsbury) Skinner, both natives of New York, the father born in 1823 and the mother in St. Lawrence county. They grew up in their native state, received their education in the schools of their native communities and were married there. Emigrating to Jasper county, Iowa, in the early period of its development, they established a good home here and spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in June, 1871, and the mother on July 2, 1892. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted for service in the Union army in Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he served gallantly under Colonel Myers and received an honorable discharge. There were four sons in the Skinner family, two of whom died in infancy, namely: Herbert K., of this sketch, the eldest; Arthur, born July 3, 1852, died in Jasper county, March 27, 1882.

Herbert K. Skinner was married on January 19, 1871, to Mary B. Keyes, who was born in Benton county, Iowa, in July, 1848, and her death occurred in Jasper county on June 6, 1875. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of this county. To this union of the subject was born one son and one daughter, Walter L., whose birth occurred on December 8, 1871, is living in Newton, Iowa; Mrs. Gertrude Boyd, born October 22, 1873, is living at Farrar, Iowa. Mr. Skinner was again married on March 16, 1876, to Mary A. Edwards, who was born in Jasper county, March 29, 1855, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is the daughter of M. M. and Anne (Henderson) Edwards, the father a native of Missouri and the mother of New Jersey. They came to Jasper county in its early development and here spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in June, 1884, and the mother in 1896. There were ten children in the Edwards family, five of whom are living, namely: Jonathan lives in Iowa; George W. lives in the state of Washington; Charlie C. lives in Shelby county, Iowa; James died in 1906; Mrs. Mary A. Skinner, of this sketch; Mrs. Helen E. Brown, deceased; Albert, of Mingo, Iowa; Mrs. Armild A. Rambaugh died in 1897; the two eldest died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Skinner have been born eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Elsie M. died when five years old; George M. died in infancy; Charles Herbert, born May 2, 1883, lives in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Bertha H. Borts, born May 20, 1885, lives on the old Skinner home-stead in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Clara A. Tiffany, born June 26, 1889, lives in Story county; Arthur L., born December 6, 1892, lives with his parents; Howard Otis, born March 12, 1899, died March 24th of the same year. These children were all born and reared in Clear Creek township, and have been given good common school advantages as well as advanced work at Newton and Highland Park at Des Moines, and Mrs. Tiffany attended high school at Collins.

Mr. Skinner started life without funds, but by industry, perseverance and honest dealings with his fellow men he has been very successful in a material way. He is still in possession of the farm where his parents located, owning at present four hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Clear Creek township, upon which stand three sets of excellent and convenient buildings, besides which he is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land in Texas. He keeps his farms under a high state of improvement and cultivation, employing modern methods of agriculture, and in connection with his general and extensive farming interests he has devoted especial attention to raising live stock, no small part of his annual income being derived from this source. He is regarded as an excellent judge of stock, and is especially fond of a good horse.

Mr. Skinner has long taken an abiding interest in public affairs, being an uncompromising Republican, and he has received the highest honors that his neighbors can bestow in a public way. His judicious course and honorable record indicates the wisdom of his constituents in selecting him for positions of trust and responsibility, and his continued retention in office is criterion enough of his good standing in his home district and of the confidence in which he is held there. For a period of ten years he was assessor of Clear Creek township and for eighteen years was its efficient clerk. He has never sought the emoluments of office, but his neighbors and friends throughout the county urged him to become a candidate for the Legislature, lower branch. In the subsequent election he won by a handsome majority, serving his first term with such credit and ability and general satisfaction that his re-election for a second term was assured long before the first expired. He is making his influence felt for the good of the people of this section and the state and unselfishly devoting his best talents to the betterment of civic and material conditions, fearlessly advocating the right as he sees and understands the right. He is at present treasurer of the local school board.

Religiously, Mr. Skinner belongs to the Congregational church, of which he is a liberal supporter and he has been very active in Sunday school work, having been superintendent of Ashton Chapel Sunday school for the past nine years, and previous to this time he held the same position in the church at Clyde and Mingo.

Mr. Skinner is also active and prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to Mingo Lodge No. 174, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mingo. Personally, he is sociable, democratic, genial, unassuming and a man of generous and honorable impulses, meriting in every respect the high esteem in which he is held.

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#### JOHN S. BROWN.

Among those citizens of Jasper county whose long residence therein entitled them to special mention is John S. Brown. Mr. Brown was born in Logan county, Illinois, April 8, 1849, his father being Leroy Brown, a native of Tennessee and his mother, also a native of Tennessee, being Jane (McNabb) Brown. The father died in 1881 at Newton, Iowa, aged sixty-four. The mother died at Lincoln, Logan county, Illinois. It was in about the year 1840 that Mr. Brown's father came from his native state to Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile business. In the fall of 1865 he came to Jasper county, Iowa, settling in Newton, where he worked at the carpenter trade. Afterwards he was elected city marshal of Newton, serving about seven years up until the time of his death.

Mr. Brown, the subject of this sketch, is one of two living children. His brother, Carl Brown, who was born in Logan county, Illinois, in 1847, resides at this writing in Calistoga, California. He is the editor of that unique western publication, *The Cactus*, which is known all over the United States. He is the same Carl Brown of Coxey's Army fame, and is also a cartoonist of ability.

The military record of Mr. Brown's father is of special interest. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, serving with distinction and bravery in the battle of Cerra Gorda and other prominent engagements of that war. Then, when the great civil conflict broke out, he again answered his country's call, serving all through the war, coming out as captain of a regiment. He was a member of Garrett Post No. 16, Grand Army, at Newton.

After coming to Newton, the subject of our sketch engaged in the painting business, afterwards taking up the business of farming. On April 27, 1870, he was married to Catherine Helphrey, daughter of Jacob and Catherine

(Warner) Helffrey. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother was a native of Maryland. Mrs. Brown's parents came first to Ohio, where they were married, afterwards emigrating to Newton, Iowa, in 1850, where they purchased several hundred acres of land from the government at one dollar and a half per acre. Some of this land is now within the city limits of Newton. Mrs. Brown's father followed farming and stock raising until his death, which occurred in 1880, at the age of eighty-one. Her mother died in 1892 in Newton, at the age of eighty-nine years. Mrs. Brown is one of ten children, seven of whom are living: David Helffrey, who died in Jasper county, Iowa, at the age of fifty years; Charlotte Rowles, widow of Nicholas Rowles, residing in Colfax, Iowa, aged eighty years; Miranda Ashley, widow of Riley Ashley, residing in Jasper county; Mrs. Ella Bishop, widow of John Bishop, resides in Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Mary Wilson, widow of J. W. Wilson, resides in Newton, aged sixty-four years; Mrs. Lew J. Powers, wife of J. W. Powers, resides in San Antonio, Texas, her husband, a Union soldier who lost an arm in the service, being superintendent in the national cemetery there; Eva Helffrey, who died in infancy; Mrs. John S. Brown, born July 2, 1848; Samuel Helffrey died in the army in 1863; Thomas J. Helffrey resides in Chicago, and is engaged in the sewing machine business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brown has been born one child, a son, Carl L. Brown, born March 10, 1871, who resides with his parents on the farm. He is married, his wife being Maude (Allen) Brown. They have one child, a bright little fellow of five years. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Christian church at Newton. In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat.

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#### WARREN N. TALBOT.

In examining the life records of self-made men, it will invariably be found that indefatigable industry has constituted the basis of their success. True there are other elements which enter in and conserve the advancement of personal interests,—perseverance, discrimination and mastering of expedients,—but the foundation of all achievement is earnest, persistent labor. At the outset of his career Warren N. Talbot, well known stockman of Lynnville, Jasper county, recognized this fact and he did not seek any royal road to the goal of prosperity and independence, but began to work earnestly and diligently in order to advance himself and the result is that he is now numbered among the progressive, successful and influential citizens of his community.

Mr. Talbot was born in Illinois, February 7, 1854, and he is the son of David Franklin Talbot and Caroline (Munger) Talbot, the father a native of the state of New York and the mother of Massachusetts. The elder Talbot was a carpenter and contractor, which trade he learned in his native state, and, coming to Illinois early in life, he followed the same. In 1859 he and his family came overland with a half dozen teams and wagons, several extra horses and many yoke of oxen and located in Jasper county, Iowa, when this section was new. The father bought three hundred and twenty acres in Elk Creek township, in the vicinity of Dairy Grove, an old settlement. Here he prospered, becoming one of the county's largest landowners and leading farmers, becoming the owner of what was commonly called "The Bottom Farm," which consisted of one thousand and fifteen acres. He kept his land under excellent improvements and tilled it on an extensive scale. He was also a great cattle feeder, in fact, was for years one of the leading stock men of the county. He was a man of considerable influence in his community and for some time he discharged the duties of postmaster at Dairy Grove in the days when the mail was carried from Newton on horseback. He also served as revenue tax collector and justice of the peace. He was a stanch Republican and later a Greenbacker, and in the days when the slavery question was a paramount issue he kept one of the stations of the "underground railway," aiding in many instances families of runaway slaves from their Southern masters, for he was bitterly opposed to slavery and, in this as in all questions of importance, he was ready to show his colors, being a man of strong convictions and broad minded. His family consisted of the following children: Edwin deceased; Hiram; George; Mrs. Alice Derringer, who died December 19, 1911, at Cherokee, Iowa; Eugene; Warren N., of this review, being the youngest of the family.

Warren N. Talbot grew to maturity under pioneer conditions and he obtained his common school education under difficulties, walking miles through the deep snow and in all kinds of weather wearing heavy cowhide boots, and during the summer months he assisted with the general work on the farm, and after he left school he assisted his father with the farm until he was twenty-two years old when he started in life for himself by renting land, which he continued for four years and then bought one hundred and forty-seven acres in Lynn Grove township, known as the Elisha Flaugh estate. Selling that later, he bought one hundred and forty acres just west of the village of Sully in 1892 and here he has carried on general farming and stock raising in a most successful manner. He keeps full-blooded Percheron and Clydesdale horses and roan short-horn cattle, his fine stock, because of their superior grades, always finding a very ready market.

Politically, Mr. Talbot is a Republican and active in local affairs. He has been justice of the peace, which office he filled most creditably. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

In October, 1881, Mr. Talbot was united in marriage with Ida Flauth, who was born in Linn Grove township, the daughter of Elisha Flauth, one of the earliest settlers of this county, having come here in 1845 and he was well known among the pioneers.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Talbot: Albert, Perry L., Mrs. Minnie Tice, Nina and Alta.

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#### GEORGE WILLIAM SWIGART.

Being industrious, determined and resolute, George William Swigart, farmer of Newton township, Jasper county, has been enabled to overcome such obstacles as have confronted him along the road of life, the qualities mentioned resulting in his progress upward to the plane where success places the laurel upon the victor's brow.

Mr. Swigart is a Hoosier by birth, having been born in Noble county, Indiana, January 8, 1854, the son of Solomon G. and Elizabeth (Miller) Swigart, both natives of Richland county, Ohio. They spent their lives on a farm, and were people of excellent characteristics, the father dying about 1894 and the mother in 1911.

George William Swigart grew to maturity on the home farm, where he assisted his father with the general work, and he received his education in Indiana and Iowa public schools, having moved to the latter state in 1871 and taken up farming, which he has continued to the present time with much success. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Newton township, this county, which he has managed in a manner that has brought large returns for the labor expended upon it. Forty acres of this farm lie in Kellogg township, but it is all in one tract and is well located, slightly rolling and fertile. He has a good home, barns and general improvements. He is regarded as one of the most up-to-date farmers in this township.

Mr. Swigart was married in 1878 to Mrs. Emma A. Shull, whose maiden name was Emma A. Williams, and who was born in Scott county, Iowa, May 14, 1852, the daughter of David and Susan (Thompson) Williams, the father born in Ireland and the mother in Kentucky. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swigart, Myrtle I. and Verna I. By her former marriage Mrs. Swigart has one daughter, Emma B. Shull.

Mr. Swigart is a Republican and more or less active in local public affairs. He belongs to the Yeomen and Mrs. Swigart is a member of the Christian church.

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#### GEORGE G. WHITEHEAD.

The record of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch contains no exciting chapters of tragic events, but is replete with well defined purpose which, carried to successful issue, have won for him an influential place in the agricultural life of the community and high personal standing among his fellow citizens. His life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable methods which he has ever followed have resulted not only in the establishing of a comfortable home, but also in gaining the confidence and esteem of all those with whom he has come into contact.

George G. Whitehead, farmer of Poweshiek township, Jasper county, was born here on November 1, 1867, and here he grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools. He is the son of Austin and Elizabeth (Weston) Whitehead, the father born in Ohio in 1837 and the mother in Indiana in 1835. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1856 and '57, and are now residing at Colfax. They were among the pioneers of this locality.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Whitehead, named as follows: Mrs. Mollie Watt, born March 5, 1859, lives in Sherman township; Mrs. Clara Watt, born September 10, 1861, lives at Long Beach, California; Mrs. Allie Stouffer, born November 1, 1865, lives near Seavers, Iowa; George, of this sketch; Dr. E. L., born August 12, 1872, lives in Nebraska. These children were all reared in Jasper county.

George G. Whitehead has made farming his life work, and is now the owner of a good farm of one hundred and five acres of well improved and well cultivated land in Poweshiek township, also forty acres in Sherman township.

George G. Whitehead was married on February 23, 1897, to Stella Tramel, who was born in Story county, Iowa, on December 5, 1872, and there she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is the daughter of Joseph and Cynthia (Leonard) Tramel. The father died in Portland, Oregon, when sixty-five years old, and the mother died in Des Moines, Iowa, at the age of sixty-three years. Mrs. Whitehead's paternal grandfather, W. A. B.

Tramel, was one of the early settlers in Clear Creek township. There were four children in the Tramel family, namely: William, who lives in Independence township; Stella, wife of Mr. Whitehead of this sketch; Walter O., of Clear Creek township; Mrs. Bertha Allspaugh, of Boulder, Colorado.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead six children have been born, all in Poweshiek township and all living, namely: Wilbur Weston, born August 12, 1868; D. May, born August 27, 1900; Floyd, born December 23, 1902; Glen Austin, born January 19, 1905; Ruth Elizabeth, born April 3, 1907; Virgil Paul, born October 12, 1911. The older children are attending school in the home community.

Politically, Mr. Whitehead is a Republican. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 174, at Mingo, and of the Yeomen at Ira. He and his wife are faithful members of the Christian church at Ira.

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#### JAMES STARK.

Through a residence of forty years in Jasper county, James Stark, long one of the most progressive and careful tillers of the soil in Hickory Grove township, and who, having accumulated a competency, is now spending his declining years in quiet and in the midst of plenty in his beautiful home in the village of Newburg, this township, as a man who can be trusted at all times and places, one who is honorable and successful in business, loyal to his duties of citizenship and faithful to his many friends. Since he came here, four decades ago, his career and the industrial history of Newburg and Hickory Grove township have been very closely interwoven, therefore as well for his long and prominent connection with the growth and prosperity of the community as for his sterling rectitude of character do we gladly present his life record to the readers of this volume.

Mr. Stark is a Hoosier by birth, his birth having occurred in Ripley county, Indiana, April 10, 1830, the son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Johnson) Stark, both born in Kentucky, where they spent their early lives, were educated and married, moving to Indiana in an early day and locating in Ripley county, where he followed his trade of carpenter and builder successfully, accumulating a competency, so that he spent the latter years of his life in retirement, dying in Grant City, Missouri, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, he having moved to Missouri when past seventy years of age. He was a man of fine character and strong personality, making friends readily wher-

ever he went. He became one of the leading builders in Ripley county, Indiana, well known and influential in the upbuilding of the county, which was comparatively new when he went there. There were twelve children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Stark. Politically, he was a Whig, later a Republican. For a period of four years he was county clerk of Ripley county, his son, James, of this review, being his deputy. The father was also county treasurer for six years; he filled both these offices with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people.

James Stark, of this review, grew up in Indiana, and in his youth assisted his father with his work and under him learned the carpenter's trade. He attended the common schools in Ripley county and received a fairly good education. In early life he preferred farming to carpentering, it seems, although he was very proficient in the use of tools consequently followed farming the most, and he got a good start through his close application and economy and was enabled in time to buy a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Ripley county, Indiana. On this he made his home four or five years, making a great success as a general farmer, but desiring to cast his lot in a newer country and having heard of the rich, cheap land in Jasper county, Iowa, he sold out in his native state and emigrated to the latter in 1870. Being at once favorably impressed with the prospects here, he decided to make his permanent home here, but in order to properly familiarize himself with the new conditions which confronted him here, he decided not to purchase a farm upon his arrival, consequently he rented land a few years, finally buying a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hickory Grove township, which he improved and rendered very productive and here carried on general farming and stock raising successfully until 1899, when he retired from active life and moved to the village of Newburg, this township, there built a modern, cozy and convenient cottage and a good barn and he has lived retired ever since, enjoying the fruits of long years of hard and consecutive labor.

Politically, Mr. Stark is a Republican and he has always manifested a keen interest in local affairs and has ably served his township as assessor for two years and as trustee for ten years, later he was county supervisor for six years. He filled all these offices in a manner that stamped him as a man of ability, public spirit and a proper conception of the duties of a right-minded citizen, and won the hearty commendation of all concerned. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

On May 1, 1864, Mr. Stark was married to Esther Ludwick, who was a native of Indiana and the daughter of Jacob and Esther Ludwick, the father

dying in Iowa and the mother in Indiana. Six children were born to Mr and Mrs. James Stark, named as follows: William C., who lives at Stone City, Jones county; Mary Elizabeth, who married Willie Newton, lives on his father's homestead; Anna Florence is the wife of Newton J. Morgart and they live on a farm in this county; Elijah L. lives at Gilman, Marshall county; Clarence H. lives on his father's farm; Edith B. married Clarence Grubb, a carpenter and builder of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

James Stark is one of the honored veterans of the great Civil war, having served six months in Company B, Sixty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Three months of his time was spent in pursuit of John Morgan, the intrepid Southern raider, in Kentucky. During his brief service he acquitted himself as a faithful soldier for the Union.

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#### DANIEL PHELAN.

The old countries of the world, particularly in those governed by kings or emperors, there is a sharp contrast drawn between persons of title and the laboring classes. The aristocratic members of these countries, from time immemorial, tried to make it appear that the kings or emperors ruled by divine authority and the families of the nobility attempted to establish their own superiority over the working classes on much the same basis. As a consequence labor has always been looked upon in those countries as degrading instead of as being the highest employment to which man can turn his hand. In our country, on the contrary, it has been largely the tendency to enoble labor, and this tendency has been largely successful, because, aside from the weak-minded aristocrats of the cities, all of us regard labor as wholly dignified and honorable. Even the President himself may have, and frequently has, descended from the farmer in the wilds of the West. Among those living in Jasper county who grew tired of the unnecessary domineering of the aristocracy in the Old World and came to our free republic and here added to the dignity and respectability of labor by fair and honorable conduct is Daniel Phelan, a successful farmer of Poweshiek township.

Mr. Phelan was born in county Kilkenny, Ireland, on September 12, 1839, the son of Michael and Mary (Dillard) Phelan, both natives of the Emerald isle, where they grew up, were educated and married, in fact, spent their lives on a farm of their own, which was, indeed, unusual in that country, most of the land having been owned from almost time immemorial by the so-

called or actual aristocracy. Their family consisted of four sons and three daughters, namely: Daniel, of this review, was the eldest; William came to America and is now living in Poweshiek township, this county; Mrs. Ellen Ryan; Charles is deceased; Michael lives in Valeria; Mary and Anna both died when young.

Daniel Phelan attended school in Ireland and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-six years of age, then came to the United States, locating in 1866 in Jasper county, Iowa, and, in order to get a start, worked as a farm hand for a Mr. Gannor, then rented land for two years. By this time he was enabled to buy eighty acres in Poweshiek township. He soon had his place under excellent improvements, put up a good dwelling, substantial barns and, prospering by hard work and good management, he became, in due course of time, one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of the county, and he is now the owner of about one thousand acres of valuable and desirable land, all of which receives his careful attention. He has been an extensive cattle feeder, shipping several car loads each year to market, and, being an excellent judge of live stock and how to properly care for them, no small part of his splendid competency has been derived from this source. He is a man of excellent judgment and foresight and his rise was rapid when he reached a place where opportunities existed.

Politically, Mr. Phelan is a Democrat, but he has not been an office seeker, preferring to lead a quiet life, devoting his attention to his large landed estate, lying along the rich bottoms of the Skunk river, this valley being as rich as any in Iowa. In view of the fact that he came to this locality a poor boy some forty-seven years ago, and, without assistance from anyone, forged his way to the front rank of our industrious citizens, he is certainly deserving of a great deal of credit and of the high esteem in which he is universally held. He is known to be a man of scrupulous honesty, his word being as good as the bond of most men, and he is widely known and liked by all who have had dealings with him or know him well. He is a worthy member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Phelan was married on July 7, 1873, to Catherine Phelan, no relation although same name; her birth occurred in Queens county, Ireland, and she is the daughter of Edward Phelan and wife, natives of Ireland. One child born to the subject and wife, whom they named Michael, is deceased.

But Mr. Phelan was a father to many. In their generous and hospitable way he and his good wife were always ready to welcome to their home those who needed a friend and protector, and they loved and provided for those under their care, as if they were their own children.

## REECE BOND.

A modern business man, prominent in all circles, of Reasnor, Jasper county, is Reece Bond, who seems to have inherited something of the Bond characteristics of energy, integrity and praiseworthy traits in general, and he is a genial, kind-hearted young fellow who can claim hosts of friends, especially in his home town of Reasnor.

Mr. Bond was born in Monroe, Iowa, December 6, 1878, and he is the son of S. A. and Lydia J. (Anderson) Bond, natives of Ohio. His parents were married in Iowa, whither they had immigrated in their youth, and at the time of their marriage the father was a farmer. Later he engaged in the grocery business at Monroe, of which city he was a pioneer merchant, and was successfully engaged in business there over ten years. Within one year of his death he sold out on account of ill health, his death having occurred on May 3, 1886, at the early age of forty years. He was a well known man and public spirited citizen of fine attributes. In politics he was a Republican. His wife died at Monroe, Iowa, on December 6, 1909, at the age of sixty-one years.

Reece Bond is a member of a family of six children, one of whom, Carl, died when sixteen years of age; those living, besides the subject, are, Mrs. Minnie Crum, wife of W. S. Crum, a farmer living near Altoona, Iowa; Madge Miller, wife of W. F. Miller, a general manager for the Southern Pacific railroad, at Marshfield, Oregon; Mrs. "Milly" Custer is the wife of Charles Custer, a merchant at Monroe, Iowa; Grace married W. H. Roman, a farmer who resides near Monroe, Iowa.

Reece Bond, the youngest child in his family, obtained a good education in the home schools, and he began working for himself when seventeen years of age as clerk in a clothing house, where he remained for five years, giving his employers the utmost satisfaction by his aptitude to learn the business and his courtesy to the trade. Then he moved to Jasper county and began farming, which he followed successfully for a period of eight years, then, in 1908, he accepted a position in the general store of Fred Roberts, in Reasnor, Mr. Bond being general manager, which position he held with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of Mr. Roberts until 1909, when the store was purchased by F. J. Coffee, with whom Mr. Bond still remains, although he lives upon his farm near Reasnor. He has an excellent place, which he has kept well improved and on which stand a comfortable and attractive residence and good outbuildings.

On November 17, 1899, Mr. Bond was married to Nellie D. Sipe, the daughter of James and Clara (Solomon) Sipe, both natives of Ohio. She has no natural brothers or sisters, but one half brother, Charles Sipe, of Pella, Iowa. Her father was killed in a runaway accident near Reasnor, Iowa, in September, 1888. Her mother, Mrs. J. B. Wheeler, resides in Newton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bond have been born three children, all of whom are living, namely: Carl, born October 15, 1902; Helen, born October 5, 1904; Winnifred, born November 13, 1910, are all at home, the two eldest being in school.

Mr. Bond is well known in the vicinity of Reasnor and over the county and his reputation is without a stain. Fraternally, he is a member of Fairview Lodge No. 197, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Monroe, also of the Woodmen of the World at Reasnor. He has held a number of township offices and he was recently a candidate for the office of trustee of Palo Alto township, losing by but a small margin. He was formerly a director of the local telephone company and he is a man who is active and influential in all public affairs.

Mrs. Bond is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Reasnor, and she takes an active part in both church and Sunday school work. She was born on the farm upon which they now reside.

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#### RICHARD E. BOND.

When he gazes over his broad acres of well cultivated land Richard E. Bond, a progressive young farmer of Mound Prairie township, is justified in feeling that he has achieved the acme of his ambition, when in early life he became imbued with the ambition to some day take front rank among the leading agriculturists of his locality.

Mr. Bond was born in Wisconsin, March 15, 1873. He is the son of Richard Bond, Sr., and Frances (Bartholomew) Bond, the father born in the state of New York in 1838 and the mother in Wisconsin. The father devoted his life to farming and when two years old he came to Jefferson county, Wisconsin, with his parents, William and Eva (Smith) Bond. The father of the subject grew up in Wisconsin and there engaged in farming for a number of years on rented land. During the Civil war he served in the Union army. In 1875 he brought his family to Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, where he homesteaded a farm, also rented land and here be-

came very comfortably established. The death of his wife occurred in 1882 and in 1888 he moved to Nebraska, and at the town of Scotia he ran a store. His death occurred in 1906.

To Richard Bond, Sr., and wife the following children were born: William A.; Richard E., of this sketch; Edward, Mrs. Eliza Gilbert, Mrs. Harriet Etta Baker, Mrs. Mary Jane Lytle, Fred, Lottie and Phoebe are all deceased.

The subject of this sketch attended the Bear Grove school in Mound Prairie township, and after his mother's death lived a short time with his aunt, Mrs. Kees, then began working out as a farm hand.

Then he married and rented land for six years. In 1906 he bought forty acres in Mound Prairie township, and to this he has added forty acres more. He has built a modern house and barn, and everything about the place is under excellent improvements and shows good management.

Politically, Mr. Bond is a Republican and he has served his township as assessor for six years.

On March 22, 1899, Mr. Bond was united in marriage with Agnes Maude Dales, who was born in Jasper county. She is the daughter of William Dales, a complete sketch of whom is found in another part of this work. The following interesting children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bond: William Wilford, Genevieve, Pearl and Mamie Evelyn.

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#### ALLEN W. FORSYTH.

It will always be a mark of distinction to have served in the Federal army during the great civil war between the states. The old soldier will receive attention no matter where he goes if he will but make himself known, especially if he puts on his old faded uniform. And when he passes away, which all of them will do in the course of another decade or two, friends will pay him suitable eulogy for the sacrifices he made fifty years ago on the field of battle, on the long, weary march or the no less dreaded hospital, and ever afterward his descendants will revere his memory and take pride in recounting his services to his country in the hour of peril. Allen W. Forsyth, long one of the enterprising farmers of Jasper county, who is now spending his last years in honorable retirement in his cozy home in the town of Sully, is one of the old soldiers who went forth to fight to save the Union of the states.

Mr. Forsyth was born in Decatur county, Indiana, August 14, 1847, the son of Thomas Harris Forsyth, a native of New Jersey. He devoted his life to farming and in early life came to Indiana where he bought a farm. In 1851 he drove an ox team and wagon overland to Marion county, Iowa, and bought a farm, in fact, two farms of eighty acres each. He traversed Jasper county on his way and found but one house between Lynnville and Newton. He was a typical pioneer and was delighted with the new country, although to many less courageous souls it would have been far from inviting, for the roads were little less than winding trails, no bridges spanned the streams, no fences stretched across the seemingly interminable plains, still the roaming grounds of the wolf and other kindreds of the wild. He had the wisdom to foresee a great future for the country and he did not mind the hardships in getting a foothold here. He had married Mary Ann Hawk, a native of Kentucky, and they worked hard, economized and soon had a comfortable home in payment of their pains, and there Mr. Forsyth became influential, taking a leading part in public affairs. For some time he was a member of the board of supervisors, and for a period of twenty years he was a justice of the peace, filling these offices in a most worthy manner. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He ably served his country as second lieutenant in the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His family consisted of four children: Charles died during the Civil war while in the service; Allen W., of this review; John is deceased; Fred lives in Nebraska.

Allen W. Forsyth attended school in Marion county, and he assisted his father with the general work about the place until his marriage. He then bought forty acres in Marion county, which he later sold and he came to Jasper county in 1881 and bought two hundred acres in Linn Grove township, his father having assisted him in the purchase. Later disposing of this, he bought one hundred and twenty acres, which he still owns and which he brought up to a high state of cultivation and improvement and successfully carried on diversified farming until 1907, when he retired and moved to Sully and there built a modern, well-arranged and beautiful home.

Politically, Mr. Forsyth is a Republican and he served as assessor for seven years in succession. He is a member of the Congregational church and the Grand Army of the Republic. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, Third Iowa Cavalry, and served very gallantly in the Western army, taking part in many important Southern campaigns. He was only sixteen years old when he enlisted, but he performed his duty as well as the seasoned veterans during his service of eighteen months, which was terminated by the close of the war, during which time he was not off duty a single day on account of sickness.

Mr. Forsyth was married on November 7, 1868, to Priscilla Banthysen, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, October 24, 1849, the daughter of John Banthysen and wife, who moved from Indiana to Marion county, Iowa, in 1852, driving overland with an ox team. The mother of the subject's wife was known in her maidenhood as Sarah Clayton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth the following children have been born: Edwin S., born September 7, 1869, lives in Colfax, Iowa, and is engaged in the hardware business; Harry E. and Mrs. Clara Sherman, twins, were born May 5, 1872; Thomas C., who lives in Spokane, Washington, was born March 10, 1875; Mrs. Lola B. DeWitt, born June 7, 1880, lives with her father; she has one son, John Doyle DeWitt.

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#### PETER P. PENTICO.

The name of Peter P. Pentico will long be remembered by the people of Jasper county, for he was a man who set a worthy example and was not averse to doing his full duty as a neighbor and citizen and although he is now sleeping the sleep of the just that knows no waking, his influence is still felt in Mound Prairie township, where he developed an excellent farmstead and maintained his home for many years.

Mr. Pentico was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1830. He was the son of John and Katherine (Young) Pentico, both born in Germany, from which county they came to America when children and here they grew to maturity and were married in Philadelphia. It was in 1851 that John Pentico and family moved to Scott county, Iowa. He owned eighty acres in Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, which he cleared and improved. He was killed by lightning.

Peter P. Pentico, of this sketch, grew up on the farm and when a boy he worked hard on the home place, and received his education, which was meager, in Pennsylvania. He and the other boys were compelled to assist their father clear the home place, which was heavily timbered, consequently they had little chance to attend school. At the death of his father the subject purchased the interest of the other heirs, and after his marriage, in 1867, he moved to the home farm in Jasper county and here he improved the land and erected good buildings on it, the country being principally raw prairie at that time. He planted groves which are now large and valuable. He was a successful farmer, a hard worker and a good manager. He took an interest



PETER P. PENTICO



in local affairs, but never aspired to public office. He was a member of the United Brethren church in early life.

Peter P. Pentico proved his loyalty to the Union by enlisting at Wilton Junction, Iowa, in the first year of the war, September, 1861, in Company D, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. A. J. Sharpe, to serve three years, and the regiment was assigned to the Iowa Brigade, McClellan's division, Seventeenth Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee. He proved to be a gallant soldier, participating in the following engagements: Shiloh, siege of Vicksburg, Corinth, Black River Bridge, Grand Gulf and others. He was in the hospital at Vicksburg in 1863. He was in the Tennessee and Mississippi campaigns and he was in the Grand Review in Washington. Mr. Pentico was transferred to Keokuk, Iowa, and rejoined his regiment at New Albany, Indiana, and was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1865.

On April 9, 1867, Mr. Pentico was married to Caroline Cline, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on September 1, 1842, the daughter of Tobias Cline, a native of Germany and a tailor by trade, who spent most of his life in America, where he became well established and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The death of Mr. Pentico occurred on March 23, 1900. His widow lives retired in a beautiful cottage in Colfax.

The following children were born to the subject and wife: Albert E., Homer, Mrs. Mara Ida Wiggins, Jesse is deceased; Roy.

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#### CHARLES W. WILDMAN.

Success is only achieved by the exercise of certain distinguishing qualities and it cannot be retained without effort. Those by whom great epoch changes have been made in the political and industrial world began early in life to prepare themselves for their peculiar duties and responsibilities and it was only by the most persevering and continuous endeavor that they succeeded in rising superior to the obstacles in their way and reaching the goal of their ambition. Such lives are an inspiration to others who are less courageous and more prone to give up the fight before their ideal is reached or definite success in any chosen field is attained. In the life history of Charles W. Wildman, the well known publisher of the *Linnville Star*, we find evidence of a peculiar characteristic that always make for achievement,—persistency, coupled with courage, fortitude and actuated by lofty traits.—

and as a result Mr. Wildman stands today as one of the representative citizens of Jasper county, whose interest he has at heart, having ever had an abiding faith in her future, and he is today a potent factor in her upbuilding.

Mr. Wildman, like many of the enterprising citizens of the locality of which this history deals, is a native of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Athens county, Ohio, September 1, 1869, and he is the son of Oliver and Hannah (Bailey) Wildman, the father born in Pennsylvania in 1833 and the mother's birth occurred in 1835. The elder Wildman started in life for himself as a merchant, and for some time he successfully carried on general merchandising in Adena, Ohio, and he was also postmaster there. In 1871 he came to Iowa, locating at New Sharon and there he continued merchandising from 1876 to 1893, then sold out and in 1896 came to Lynnville, Jasper county, and here engaged in general merchandising and built up a large trade with the town and surrounding country, and in 1907 he retired from active life. His family consisted of the following children: Lou; Ada is deceased; Grant is an electrician at Keokuk; Charles W., of this review.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch received his education at New Sharon and he started in life as a partner with his father in the mercantile business as soon as he became of age and he was thus engaged until the family moved to Lynnville in 1896. Then he was on the road in the produce business until 1890, in which year he started a furniture and undertaking business which he carried on with his usual success until 1907, when he sold out. He next engaged in the real estate business until 1900, in August of which year he purchased the *Lynnville Star* and has continued to edit and publish the same to the present time. He has greatly improved the property and his paper has gradually increased in circulation and in importance as an advertising medium. Its mechanical appearance has been much improved and it is popular with a wide territory, its editorials being ably and convincingly written and its news columns filled with crisp, late, important current news of the world. This paper was established in 1860.

Mr. Wildman has been postmaster at Lynnville since 1902 and he was mayor of the town in 1910 and 1911, discharging the duties of these offices in a most faithful and judicious manner, reflecting much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned, proving himself a most worthy public servant.

Mr. Wildman is a loyal Republican and is one of the local leaders in his party. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order.

On February 22, 1890, Mr. Wildman was united in marriage with Grace English, who was born in eastern Iowa, near DeWitt, the daughter of Robert and Cynthia (Hutt) English. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Wayne, now thirteen years old; Dale, who has reached the age of five; and Keith, who has seen four birthdays.

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#### WILLIAM H. HOLDSWORTH.

It is a well authenticated fact that success is the result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a course of action when once decided upon. She is never known to smile upon the idler or dreamer and she never courts the loafer, and only the men who have diligently sought her favor are crowned with her blessings. In tracing the history of the wide-awake implement dealer of Sully, Jasper county, whose name forms the introduction to this biographical review, it is plainly seen that the prosperity which he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities and it is also his personal worth that has gained for him the high esteem of those who know him.

William H. Holdsworth was born in Scott county, Iowa, March 23, 1858, the son of William and Hannah (Rolls) Holdsworth, the father born in Ireland and the mother in Pennsylvania. The elder Holdsworth was a stone contractor by trade. He grew up and was educated in Ireland, from which country he emigrated to America when a young man and he began working in the quarries, soon becoming a contractor and he got out stone for arsenals, bridges and various important jobs and became very well established in the new world. He was a member of the Episcopal church. His death occurred in 1903. His family consisted of nine children, named as follows: John, Samuel, Joseph, Robert, Thomas, Mary, Jane, Charles and William H., of this sketch, he being the oldest child.

William H. Holdsworth grew up in Scott county, Iowa, and attended school there, and when but a boy began working on a farm as a hand, then rented land for himself, but not taking any too kindly to the life of a husband-man, he left the farm and went to Oskaloosa and ran a bus line for six years, then, having gotten a good start, he came to Jasper county in 1891 and rented land for three or four years, then he went into the implement business at Lynnville with W. J. Breedon and they built up a good trade. In 1899, Mr. Holdsworth sold out and came to Sully and started in an implement store.

which, with his son, Charles Oscar, he still runs. He started on a small scale, but by judicious management and honest dealings his business rapidly increased until he bought a large building, in connection with which he put in a garage and he handles a standard line of automobiles in connection with a large, general and well-selected stock of farming implements. His trade embraces a large territory and is ever widening. He is one of the leading merchants and business men in the southeastern part of the county.

Mr. Holdsworth has taken much interest in public affairs and he has held all the township offices and the offices in the town of Sully, always discharging his duties in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of the people. He was mayor of Sully for eight years, during which time he did much for the permanent good of the vicinity. Politically, he is a Democrat, and is a leader in local affairs.

Mr. Holsworth was married in September, 1878, to Emma Kent, who was born in Ohio, from which state she came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, when very small and there she grew to womanhood and was educated. Three children have been born to this union, Mrs. Effie May Horn, Charles Oscar and Edna.

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#### JOHN M. VARENKAMP.

If there is one thing which distinguishes the American business man over those of any other country it is the faculty with which any and all occupations are readily taken up by him and made successful. In the older countries it was customary for the son to follow the father's pursuit. "Follow your father, my son, and do as your father has done," was a maxim which all sons were expected to adopt. It is in such countries as the United States that full swing can be given to the energies of the individual. A man may choose any business or profession he desires, and he is limited only by competition. He must meet the skill of others and give as good service as they or he will not get the positions. Such adaptation to any work or business is well shown in the career of John M. Varenkamp, a successful merchant at the village of Sully, Jasper county, who is of foreign descent. He has turned his hand to various things and proved that farming was not the only occupation which he could make successful.

Mr. Varenkamp was born in Marion county, Iowa March 3, 1872, the son of Edward C. and Gertrude (Boat) Varenkamp, the father born in the Netherlands and the mother in Marion county Iowa. The father is at

present editor of the *Pella Weekblade* printed in the Holland language. He came to Iowa when about twenty-four years old and worked on a farm for some time, then bought land and up to five years ago devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, since which time he has been managing in a very able manner the newspaper referred to above; he has lived in Pella for the past twenty-one years. Early in his career in this country he spent three years in Nebraska and Dakota. He is a man of influence general education and praiseworthy characteristics in general. He belongs to the Second Reform church at Pella. His family consists of the following children: Mrs. Hattie Louder, Mrs. Anna Roten, Mrs. Lydia Renand, Mrs. Mary Wise, Mrs. Emma Stratton, Nella, Fred and John M.

The maternal grandmother, Henriett Boat, came to Pella, Iowa, in the early forties with a colony of one thousand two hundred Hollanders, early settlers there. John M. Varenkamp of this review attended school at Pella, Iowa, and after leaving school he worked on a farm for about seven years. He went to Nebraska and herded cattle and sheep for some time, then worked in a flouring mill fourteen months in Pella. Desiring to learn the mercantile business, he clerked seven years, during which time he mastered the ins and outs of the same, and in January, 1890, he bought out Cornelius Boat, a half interest in the Boat Brothers general store in Sully, Jasper county, and he and A. C. Boat have since carried on the business in a most successful manner, enjoying a wide and every growing patronage with the surrounding country. They carry a large, well-assorted, carefully-selected stock of general merchandise and their prices are always right, according to their many customers. They have a neat and well-arranged store building. Theirs is the oldest store in Sully.

Mr. Varenkamp has taken considerable interest in local affairs and has ever manifested a desire to do what he could in behalf of the community's welfare. He was appointed postmaster at Sully on December 22, 1902, and has served in this capacity continuously to the present time in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the department and the people. He is a member of the Reform church at Sully, and, politically, he is a Republican.

Mr. Varenkamp was married on March 23, 1898, to Nettie Vanderkrol, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, the daughter of G. Vanderkrol, a substantial farmer of that county. To this union one child was born, Gertrude H. The wife and mother was called to her rest on July 8, 1909, in a hospital at Des Moines.

## WILLIAM M. TURNBULL.

It is always pleasant and profitable to contemplate the career of a man who has won a definite goal in life, whose career has been such as to commend the honor and respect of his fellow citizens. Such, in brief, is the record of the well-known agriculturist whose name heads this sketch, than whom a more whole-souled or genial gentleman it would be hard to find within the limits of Rock Creek township, Jasper county, where he has long maintained his home and where he has labored not only for his own individual advancement and that of his immediate family, but also for the improvement of the entire community whose interests he has ever had at heart.

William M. Turnbull hails from the far-away land of heath and bluebell, the bonnie Scotland of poetic and romantic history, on whose rugged hills his progenitors led a free, outdoor life, close to the life-giving, sympathetic, ideal-fostering heart of mother nature, so that they were not only hearty and happy-natured but gentle and kindly disposed to their fellow men, and many of their commendable traits have descended to the subject.

Mr. Turnbull was born in northern Scotland April 20, 1848, the son of James and Ann (Matheison) Turnbull, both born in Scotland and there grew up and were married. The father was a shepherd, as was his father before him, William Turnbull, the latter having worked for one man for a period of twenty-two years, tending sheep. James Turnbull and wife emigrated to America in 1849, when the immediate subject of this review was about a year old, the ocean voyage requiring sixteen weeks. The family located at Elmira, Illinois, and finally bought a farm there. Mr. Turnbull gradually increased his holdings until he owned a valuable place of two hundred and forty acres, becoming well established and one of the leading men of his community. He reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. His family consisted of eleven children, seven of whom are living at this writing, namely: Mrs. James Rule, of Grinnell, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Scott, of Bradford, Illinois; Mrs. Flora Beatty, of Elmira, Illinois; Mrs. Walter Rule, of Kewanee, Illinois; Margaret O., who has remained single and is still a member of the home circle; John M. lives in Neponset, Illinois, at the old home; William M., of this review.

The subject received a limited education in the common schools of Elmira, Illinois, at which place he grew to manhood and assisted his father on the home place when old enough, during the crop seasons. He worked on the home farm until 1876, when he came to Jasper county, Iowa. He had

been economical and had a start before leaving home and, having decided to devote his life to farming, he first bought one hundred and sixty acres in Rock Creek township. He set to work faithfully and soon had good improvements on his land and his fields under cultivation, and here he has since remained, doing well as a general farmer and stock raiser, paying especial attention to preparing cattle and hogs for the market.

Mr. Turnbull is a Republican in politics and he has taken more or less interest in local affairs since he came here, and he has served his township as trustee and as justice of the peace, proving to be a very able and conscientious public servant.

On March 14, 1876, Mr. Turnbull was united in marriage with Margaret G. Turnbull, daughter of Alexander Turnbull of Scotland. Four children were born to the subject and wife, namely: Mrs. Bertha Luella Buck; Garfield is deceased; Alexander J. is also deceased, and the youngest died in infancy. The wife and mother was called to her rest on November 6, 1903.

Mr. Turnbull remains on his home place, but does not do much hard work, his daughter and her husband making their home with him; but he is yet active, hale and hearty for one of his age. Since coming here he has made a host of friends and is well-known over the eastern part of the county, enjoying the respect of all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM H. BURROUGHS.

That the plenitude of satiety is seldom obtained in the affairs of life is to be considered a most beneficial deprivation, for when ambition is satisfied and every ultimate aim is realized, if such be possible, individual apathy must follow. Effort would cease, accomplishment be prostrate, and creative talent waste its energies in inactivity. The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have been those to whom satisfaction lies ever in the future, who have labored continuously, always finding in each transition stage an incentive to further effort. William H. Burroughs, a well-known agriculturist of Rock Creek township, Jasper county, is one whose well directed efforts have gained for him a position of desirable prominence in the locality honored by his residence and it is with a feeling of satisfaction that the biographer essays the task of touching briefly upon the salient points in his career, which has been such as to be well worth considering by the youth standing at the parting of the ways, for it shows that success may be achieved by perseverance, fidelity to duty and loyalty to proper ideals.

Mr. Burroughs is a Hoosier by birth, having first seen the light of day in Ripley county, Indiana, on February 14, 1846. He is the son of James C. and Mary (West) Burroughs, the father born in Kentucky in 1801 and the mother in Ohio. The parents of the subject's father took him from the "dark and bloody ground" country to Indiana when he was five years of age and there he grew to manhood, attended the early schools, grew up amid pioneer conditions, and, in fact, spent practically all his life there, dying in that state in 1878. When a small boy the family moved to Ohio, but remained there only a short time; while living there the war of 1812 came on and James C. Burroughs, father of the subject, joined the army as fifer, serving as such during that conflict, and he was subsequently given a certificate by President Buchanan in acknowledgment of his service; this the son, William H., is now in possession of. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, was a hard worker and his farm in Indiana, consisting of about one hundred and twenty acres, was always well-tilled and well-improved. He was four times married, William H., of this review, being the only child of the third marriage. The only other child living is a daughter, born of the second union.

William H. Burroughs enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, having attended the common schools of Ripley county, Indiana, later took a course at Moore's Hill College in Dearborn county, that state, one of the best schools of that day and generation. He was in the graduating class when the Civil war was in progress. He wanted to enlist, but his father objected, so he left college and later began teaching school, which he followed successfully in Indiana for eight years. In the fall of 1871 he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and located in Rock Creek township, buying one hundred and seventy acres. He continued teaching the first two winters he was here. He found a rich, new country here and with characteristic foresight saw its great possibilities, consequently he went to work with a will and developed a fine farm to which he added until he now owns one hundred and ninety-nine acres on which he has carried on general farming and stock raising. In 1910 he built a modern, commodious and attractive residence, equipped with every convenience. He also built a new barn of large dimensions and excellent arrangement. His is one of the most valuable and desirable farms in the eastern part of Jasper county.

Politically, Mr. Burroughs is a Republican of the old school, loyal to the basic principles of the party. He keeps well posted on current topics and has an excellent library of choice volumes, having always been a student, and it would indeed be difficult to find a better informed man in this locality. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge.

The domestic life of Mr. Burroughs began on April 10, 1860, when he was united in marriage with Phoebe Jane Lipperd, a lady of many estimable attributes, a native of Ripley county, Indiana, and the daughter of John W. and Nancy J. (Wright) Lipperd. Five children have blessed the home of the subject and wife: Edith, who married Dr. W. S. Adair; James W.; Mrs. Adabelle Gotchell; Eleanor, and Ellsworth E., a twin of Eleanor, who met death in Dakota by being burned in a barn fire.

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#### MOSES B. LUNT.

Human life is made up of two elements, power and form, and the proportion must be invariably kept if he would have it sweet and sound. Each of these elements in excess makes a mischief as hurtful as would be its deficiency. Everything turns to excess: every good quality is noxious if unmixed, and to carry the danger to the edge of ruin nature causes each man's peculiarity to superabound. One speaking from the standpoint of a farmer would adduce the learned professions as examples of this treachery. They are nature's victims of expression. You study the artist, the orator or the poet and find their lives no more excellent than that of mechanics or farmers. While the farmer stands at the head of art as found in nature, the others get but glimpses of the delights of nature in its various elements and moods. Moses B. Lunt, one of the honored and venerable tillers of the soil in Linn Grove township, Jasper county, takes delight in existence. It is because he is in touch with the springs of human life; because he has been able to see beauty and appreciate it in nature.

Mr. Lunt hailed from New England, his birth having occurred in Orleans county, Vermont, on April 10, 1834, in the town of Derby, the son of Johnson and Sarah (Boynton) Lunt, the father born in Vermont in 1796 and the mother in Canada in 1806. The father was a farmer and owned two farms in Vermont, one of one hundred and twenty acres and one of one hundred and sixty acres. He lived his long life in his native state, dying there in 1891. Politically, he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and he belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. His family consisted of the following children: Mrs. Harriet Derbin, Elias, Charles, Mrs. Amanda Dustin; Moses B., of this review; Aaron married Susan Hicks; Henry, Elias C., Gardner, Mrs. Jennie Parlan and Mrs. Emma Nye.

Moses B. Lunt was educated in the public schools of Vermont. After assisting his father with the general work on the farm he worked out some in order to get a start. In 1856 he came to Mason county, Illinois, and worked by the month for some time, later rented land. In 1865 he drove a four-horse team to a wagon from there to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought two hundred and forty acres of land, all virgin prairie. By hard work and excellent management he transformed this into one of the best farms of the township and was for many years considered one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers, and even now, although he is no longer a young man, he is active and aggressive. For about sixteen years he fed cattle, preparing large numbers for the market; one year he shipped thirteen car loads. He was usually successful. He has now three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, which is modernly improved and on which he carries on mixed farming. He has a good home and convenient barns and such buildings as are deemed necessary for his purposes.

Mr. Lunt is a Republican and has been school director in his district. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic blue lodge. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Lunt was married, first, in November, 1869, to Hannah Meeker, who was born in Vermont and whose death occurred in February, 1871. In October, 1873, he was married to Ada Tinker, also a native of Vermont, and the daughter of Nehemiah S. Tinker, a furniture manufacturer of that state, but who came to Kentucky later in life and there died, on April 5, 1890. Following are Mr. Lunt's children: George M., Mrs. Hattie E. Phelps, Mrs. Bertha L. Henry, Mrs. Blanch E. Craver, Mrs. Grace E. Ryan and Charlie C.

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#### GEORGE MILLGATE.

The lamented subject of this sketch, now sleeping the sleep of the just in God's quiet acre, was in life one of the best known agriculturists of Rock Creek township, he being one of that worthy class of men who fight their own way to success through unfavorable environment, and a study of his life record reveals the intrinsic worth of a character which not only can bravely endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. Mr. Millgate was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and wise economy, he attained a comfortable station in life and left behind him not only valuable

material wealth, but what his family and wide circle of friends and admirers should be far prouder of—an unblemished reputation and a good name.

George Millgate was born in county Kent, England, October 5, 1840, the son of William and Harriet (Giles) Millgate, who were both born in England. There they grew up, were educated and married and they spent their mature life engaged in market gardening near the city of Sandwich, England. Their family consisted of eight children, of whom George, subject of this biographical memoir, and James came to America, the rest remaining in England.

George Millgate grew to young manhood in his native country, and received his education in a paid school. Not being able to discern any great future for himself in his native land, and having been apprised of the vast opportunities in the United States, he set sail for our shores when he was twenty-one years of age. After stopping for some time in New York City, he then went to Fulton, Illinois, and he worked at farming there for a period of five years, during which time, by sticking closely to his work and being economical, he got a good start. He then came to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres in Rock Creek township, this country being wild at that time, but he could see that it had a great future, so went to work industriously and began to prosper, later buying one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township, the eastern part of the county. He kept his land well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and met with a large measure of success all along the line. He kept his home and immediate surroundings in an up-to-date manner, having established an attractive home and substantial and convenient outbuildings, and he always kept an excellent grade of live stock.

Mr. Millgate was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and liberally supported the same. He was regarded by all as a good and useful man and when his death occurred, on August 11, 1901, after a lingering illness, having been confined to a hospital for a period of two years, nothing but words of praise for his life of industry, integrity, kindness and public spirit was uttered by those who knew him. He was a man of fortitude and was never heard to complain during the days of his trying afflictions.

On August 14, 1884, Mr. Millgate was united in marriage with Roxie Foster, who was born on August 27, 1855, in Richland township, Jasper county, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Young) Foster, a well-known and highly respected pioneer family of Jasper county. Here Mrs. Millgate grew to womanhood and received her education. She proved to be a very faithful helpmeet and much of the subject's success was due to her encourage-

ment, sympathy and coimsel. Since he has passed away she is, with the assistance of her children, carrying out most successfully the work he here inaugurated, keeping the homestead in excellent condition and causing it to yield an annual income of no small proportions. She is a woman of tact, good judgment and progressive ideas and, like her husband before her, enjoys a wide circle of friends. She and her family lead simple and unobtrusive lives and stand well in the social life of the community, the children, named as follows, being young people of fine characters and much promise: Sylvester, born November 17, 1885, is now a veterinary surgeon; Oliver, born June 8, 1888; Maria, born January 16, 1893; Verner, born November 17, 1896.

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#### LANHAM T. SYLVESTER.

It is found very often in this country of ours that the captain of industry, the statesmen, in short, the so-called leaders of men, possess no higher ability than thousands of other citizens. They have simply taken better advantage of their circumstances than their fellows. And this truth runs through every occupation. The farmer who rises above his fellow farmers does so by taking advantage of conditions which others overlook or fail to grasp. Lanham T. Sylvester, of Linn Grove township, Jasper county, has always been classed with the best and thriftiest of the locality in point of skill in farming and stock raising.

Mr. Sylvester was born in Logan county, Illinois, October 9, 1848, and he is the son of Dixon and Ann (Johnson) Sylvester, both natives of Delaware, the father born in 1808 and the mother in 1813, and they grew up and were married in that state. In 1845 they emigrated to Logan county, Illinois, and bought eighty acres and there they remained until 1852 when they came overland in two wagons to Jasper county, Iowa. They had been very successful in Illinois, for when they came to that state from Delaware they brought their earthly effects in a one-horse cart. He first bought sixty acres in Linn Grove township, which was timbered land, also two hundred acres of prairie land. Here he prospered and at one time owned three hundred and twenty acres. He was a member of the Christian church. His family consisted of the following children: Mary Elizabeth, William Henry, Henrietta, Celina, Charles Hamilton, Lanham T., of this review; Joseph B., Amanda M., Dixon N., Silas Marian and Emma.

Lanham T. Sylvester, of this review, attended the township schools and he has lived on the farm that his father entered from the government, since he was four years old, buying the home place after the father's death, and he is now the owner of four hundred acres of productive and well-improved land on which he is carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He built a large, well-arranged and attractive house in 1892 and he also has a number of large, convenient barns and such outbuildings in general as his needs require. He still has the deed to the original eighty acres which his father entered and which he now owns, the instrument bearing the signature of President Franklin Pierce.

Mr. Sylvester is a Democrat, but he has never sought public office. He was reared in the Christian church and from that belief he has never departed.

Mr. Sylvester was married on November 9, 1889, to Rosa Gardner, who was born in Illinois, December 4, 1861, the daughter of John J. and Hannah Gardner. The Gardner family moved from North Carolina to Union county, Indiana, in 1818, when that country was a wilderness. Mrs. Sylvester's parents went to Illinois in early life and remained some time, later returning to Indiana, when their daughter Rosa was six months of age, locating in Union county, Indiana. Mrs. Sylvester came to Iowa in 1874 and to Jasper county in 1882 as a school teacher, and, liking the country, she located here. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester—Leslie, whose date of birth was September 24, 1896.

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#### CHARLES E. QUIRE, M. D.

The writer of biography, dealing in the personal history of men engaged in the various affairs of every-day life, occasionally finds a subject whose record commands exceptional interest and admiration and especially is this true when he has achieved more than ordinary success or made his influence felt as a leader of thought and a benefactor of his kind. Dr. Charles E. Quire, of Lynnyville, is eminently of that class who earn the indisputable right to rank in the van of the army of progressive men and by reason of a long and strenuous career devoted to the good of his fellows, to the alleviation of their physical sufferings, he occupies a position of wide influence and has made a name which will long live in the hearts and affections of the people. For nearly a half century, or practically through the entire upbuilding period of Jasper county's history, he has been practicing medicine here and his name has become a household word throughout the same.

Dr. Quire, like many of the sterling men who have made this locality what it is today, one of the leading sections of the middle West, hails from the Buckeye state, having been born in Carthage, Hamilton county, Ohio, November 25, 1842, the son of William Quire, whose birth occurred in that state in 1817. The mother, whose maiden name was Caroline B. Harris, was also a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. These parents grew up amid pioneer conditions and were married there, the father devoting his life to the trade of harness-maker and saddler. In 1858 he moved to Montgomery county, Indiana, and there purchased a farm. In 1865 he moved with his family to Linn Grove township, Jasper county, Iowa, and here bought sixty-six acres, on which he remained until his death. He was a member of the Baptist church and was known as a man of upright character. His family consisted of the following children: James C. is living in Grinnell, Iowa; Thomas B., Alice, Emma, are all deceased; Charles E., of this sketch, was the oldest of the family.

Doctor Quire attended the public schools in Ohio and Indiana, and early in life he evinced a laudable ambition to become a physician and with this end in view he entered Rush Medical College, in Chicago in the fall of 1864 and he was graduated in 1870. He came to Lynn Grove township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1865 and has been engaged in the practice of his profession here ever since, enjoying a large and satisfactory patronage from the first. He was located near Sully until 1867, when he took up his permanent residence in Lynnville and this is still his home. His practice has extended over a wide territory and he has frequently been called to remote parts of this and other counties on serious cases. In the early days most of his calls were made on horseback, in the fashion of the pioneer doctors of all countries. He has met with great success as a general practitioner, and, having ever been a student, has kept well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession. He belongs to the Jasper County Medical Association. He has served on the school board and the town council. Politically, he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Doctor is one of our honored veterans of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company B, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served nine months, mostly in hospital work: this gave him the idea of becoming a doctor, and after his term of enlistment expired he at once entered medical school, to train as a doctor and surgeon for the war, but the conflict was over before he had finished, and then he moved to Iowa.

Doctor Quire was married on February 21, 1867, to Sarah Louisa Taylor, daughter of Samuel Taylor, and this union was blessed with the following children: Frank E., a physician who was graduated from Rush Medical College in 1898; Austin Flink was graduated from the schools of Keokuk, Iowa; Fred T. lives on the home farm; Mabel teaches in the Lynnville primary school; Alveta F. is also a teacher. Of these children, Austin married Carrie Smith, of Mahaska county; Frank married Kittie Ratcliff, of Jasper county; Fred married Mayme Donai.

The Doctor has practiced forty-six years in this one community and now his son, Austin F. Quire, is associated with him, they being the only doctors in Lynnville, a town of five hundred inhabitants, and they have a wide and ever growing practice, the elder doctor being regarded as one of the leading citizens of the town, whose interests he has ever had at heart and sought to promote.

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#### SICCO JAMES JENSMA.

The Netherlands have sent many of their best and most enterprising citizens to our various states and they have as a rule, proven of great assistance to us in our general work of development. One of this worthy number is Sicco James Jensma, of Kellogg township, Jasper county whose influence as an honorable, upright citizen is productive of much good upon all with whom he comes into contact.

Mr. Jensma was born in the Netherlands, October 9, 1872, and he is the son of Joseph Sicco Jensma, his mother's maiden name having been Sarah J. Bierma, both born in the Netherlands. The father spent his life on a farm and died October 2, 1889. His family consisted of five sons and two daughters, namely: Sicco James, of this review; John J., Levi, Andrew D., Pete, Anna M. and Ann Sarah.

Sicco J. Jensma, of this review, spent his boyhood days at home, assisting his father with the various duties about the farm, and attending the common schools from the time he was five until he was fourteen years of age, having been a pupil in both the day and night schools. He began life as a farmer when young in years. Having heard of the good opportunities to secure a large amount of rich land cheaply in America, he set sail for our shores when eighteen years of age, coming direct to Marion county, Iowa, where he farmed one year, then moved to Jasper county, locating near Monroe, in Fairview township, where he remained three years, then went to

Prairie City, remaining there three years also, then he took up his abode near Newton where he continued to reside ten years, then located on his present farm of two hundred and forty acres in Kellogg township, but which consisted of only two hundred acres then, but he has since added forty acres, ten acres of which is timbered, a portion of which he has cut for his own use in various ways. He has added many substantial and valuable improvements on his farm which renders it one of the best in the township, and as a general farmer and stock raiser he ranks with the best. He has a good, comfortable home, barns and such outbuildings and improved farming implements as his needs require.

Mr. Jensma was married on September 27, 1910, to Christiana Jacoba VanDam, who was born in the Netherlands, November 9, 1892, the daughter of William and Rensje (Peereboom) VanDam, both natives of the Netherlands, the father born in 1863 and the mother on March 18, 1862.

Politically, Mr. Jensma is a Republican and he belongs to the Baptist church.

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#### PETER DEPENNING.

It has been said by scientists that human life is made up of two elements, power and form, and they add that the proportion must be carefully preserved if we would enjoy a life worth the living. Each of these attributes would work a mischief if either were in excess, as harmful as would be its deficiency. But it is hard to keep the proper equilibrium, in view of the fact that everything seems to tend to excess. Every good quality is said to be noxious if unmixed, and to carry the danger to the edge of ruin nature causes each man's peculiarity to superabound. One speaking from the standpoint of a farmer would adduce the learned professions as examples of this treachery. They are nature's victims of expression. If we study the lives of the artist, the orator, the poet, we find their lives no more excellent than that of mechanics or farmers. While the farmer stands at the head of art as found in nature, the others get but glimpses of the delights of nature in its various elements and moods. Peter DePenning, farmer, of the southern part of Jasper county, is not an artist or an exponent of the learned professions, but like many others who live close to the soil, sees beauty and gets inspiration from nature, thus taking a delight in existence, as a result of thus being in touch with the springs of life.

Mr. DePenning was born in Marion county, Iowa, on July 11, 1852. He is the son of Lane and Nellie (Schut) DePenning, both natives of Hol-





MRS. JOSENA DePENNING



PETER DePENNING



land, the father's birth having occurred on September 17, 1820, and they grew up and were married in their native land, and there the father conducted a saloon, which at that period in the old country's history was quite as respectable as any other business, especially in view of the fact that he ran the same in a strictly honorable manner and was known as a man of splendid principle. Having heard so much of our thriving western republic, Lane DePenning and family emigrated in an old-fashioned sailing vessel to our shores in 1851, and they located at Pella, Marion county, Iowa, living in the country near that city and engaged in agricultural work. In 1865 the father decided to try his fortune in the far West, favoring the idea of establishing a home in the new country of Oregon, at that time sparsely settled, so he took his family on a circuitous route thither, by way of New York City and the isthmus of Panama. After a long, weary trip they finally reached the new land on the Pacific, and there they found hard times, for there had been little development and money was scarce and hardships were constantly encountered. Under this unusual strain the thread of life snapped for the mother in 1867 and she was buried there. The rest of the family returned to Marion county, Iowa, in 1868. Soon after his return here the father bought ninety acres near Otley, Marion county, and there he finally became very well established and made that his home until his death. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in religious matters was a member of the Holland Reform church. His family consisted of four sons and two daughters, who lived beyond infancy; they were named as follows: Jacob, who lives east of Galesburg, Iowa; Mrs. Gertie Burgraf; Walter is living south of Galesburg; Peter, of this sketch; Andrew lives south of the town of Galesburg; and Mrs. Kate Voss, who is a resident of the state of Minnesota.

Peter DePenning had little opportunity to obtain an education, but notwithstanding his lack of text-book training he is a man of keen perceptive faculty and good common sense, so that his sound judgment and close observations have brought an average measure of success in his chosen life work. He has met and overcome many obstacles and won a larger material reward than many another who, although perchance highly educated, but lacking the nerve, courage and fortitude, has been thwarted and failed. He made the trip to Oregon when a lad with the rest of the family, and he tells many interesting reminiscences of that eventful, long journey, the vivid impression he then received remaining fresh in his memory; but the hardships endured, in the great West seem to have been lightly passed over by him, thus proving his grit. When he reached the age of twenty-one years he purchased forty acres of land in Elk Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, and

later sold that and purchased eighty acres on the south boundary line of Jasper county, and there he resided ten years, becoming well established the meanwhile. Selling that farm, he later purchased two hundred and twenty acres in the northwest corner of Elk Creek township, this county. Here he prospered from the first and he has since added two hundred and twenty-seven acres, just west of the former purchase, the latter lying in Palo Alto township. He owns altogether seven hundred and eighty acres in this county. His dwelling is on the boundary line between Palo Alto and Elk Creek townships. He has as valuable land as the county can boast and it yields abundant harvests annually under his skillful management. He farms on an extensive scale and raised a large amount of live stock, generally feeding several carloads of cattle annually. He keeps his land well improved and employs modern implements and methods in his agricultural pursuits. He is also the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in Mead county, South Dakota.

Mr. DePenning was married in 1878 to Josena McDunnink, who was born in Marion county, Iowa, on April 11, 1860, and there she grew to womanhood. She is the daughter of Ed McDunnink, who was born in Holland, where he spent his early days, emigrating to Marion county, Iowa, when that country was comparatively new. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. DePenning: Lane, Mrs. Maggie Cooper, Nellie, Ed, Ira, Fred and Harry.

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#### WILLIAM FRANCIS SULLENS.

Notwithstanding opinions to the contrary, much depends upon being well born, and the old adage that "Blood will tell" is not only true, but profoundly philosophical. In a large measure we are what our ancestors were, their characteristics and attributes as a rule constituting a heritage which has had a powerful influence in moulding our lives for good or evil. "Like produces like," a recognized law of the physical world, also obtains in matters of mind and morals, as the experience of the human race abundantly attests. That parents have a wonderful influence upon the minds and hearts of their offspring cannot for a moment be gainsaid, hence the necessity of measuring up to the high standard which both nature and God require of fatherhood and motherhood. In matter of birth William Francis Sullens, one of the leading agriculturists and stock men of Rock Creek township, Jasper county, has been fortunate, inheriting as he does the sterling characteristics of his ancestors.

who were long noted for their strong mentality, intellectual acumen and moral worth.

Mr. Sullens was born in this township, August 4, 1868, and he is the son of Francis Marion and Barbara (Rice) Sullens, both natives of Wayne county, Kentucky, the father born October 12, 1842, and the mother December 30, 1844. They grew to maturity in their native community, were educated and married there. The older Sullens began life for himself as a blacksmith and became a very skilled workman, following this trade until 1886, when he moved to the farm where he spent the balance of his life, in Rock Creek township, dying on February 5, 1899. He came direct to Rock Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, in March, 1868. He became well established here, well known and was influential in building up the county. His family consisted of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Emma Alta, Nellie May, William Francis and Charles Edgar.

The father, Francis M. Sullens, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in the First Kentucky Cavalry, and he remained in the service through the entire war, conducting himself as a gallant soldier.

William F. Sullens grew to maturity in his native community and after passing through the public schools he attended a business college at Des Moines, Iowa, known as the Iowa Business College. Leaving school in 1888 he began working on the farm for his father, and in 1895 he and his brother, Charles Edgar, began farming in partnership on a large scale, operating one thousand and twenty-six acres, about five hundred of which is good level land and the balance slightly rolling. It is well improved, well tilled and well kept and under their skillful management yields abundant returns. In connection with general farming they raise a great deal of live stock, in fact, make this their principal business, and they are widely known as extensive and successful stock men, both being excellent judges of all kinds of domestic animals and they are well equipped for raising, feeding and caring for all kinds of live stock. They have a modern, commodious and elegantly furnished home, large, substantial barns and outbuildings.

Politically, the subject is a Democrat and he has been more or less active in public affairs. For ten years he served very ably as township clerk, and he was also township trustee for some time, filling these offices in a most satisfactory manner.

Charles Edgar Sullens, mentioned above, was born September 4, 1873. He grew to maturity here and was educated in the public schools, and after leaving school he worked for his father on the farm until forming the partnership of Sullens Brothers, mentioned above, and he became part owner of

the large landed estate just described, with his brother, William Francis, and has since devoted his exclusive attention to general farming and stock raising with a very large degree of success, being one of the leading farmers and stock men of the younger generation in this locality.

Charles E. Sullens was married on February 24, 1900, to Rosie May DeHart, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, June 9, 1881, the daughter of James and Amelia (Starkey) DeHart, both natives of Fairbanks, Indiana, the father born July 1, 1848, and the mother on July 28, 1848. They became the parents of seven children, namely: William E., Bert, Theodore, Wiley, Alpha, Rosie May (wife of Mr. Sullens) and Lorenz.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sullens, namely: Trella Barbara, born January 13, 1901; Francis Marion, born April 13, 1903; William Edgar, born December 25, 1905; George Harlan, born October 18, 1906.

Politically, Mr. Sullens is a Democrat and Mrs. Sullens is a member of the Primitive Baptist church. He takes much more than a passing interest in the affairs of his county, and, like his brother, is a highly esteemed citizen.

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#### JOHN ERVILL WHITTAKER.

One of the successful young farmers of Kellogg township, Jasper county, is John Ervill Whittaker, a man who is deserving of the success that has attended his efforts because he has striven for it along conservative and legitimate lines, never permitting obstacles, small or great, to thwart him in his pursuit of the goal, and while laboring for his own advancement he has not neglected his larger duties to his fellow men and the public in general, having always stood ready to lend his support to all worthy movements having for their object the general good.

Mr. Whittaker was born in DesMoines, Iowa, January 22, 1879, and he is the son of Joseph Whittaker, who was born in England, October 7, 1850, but who was brought to America in 1852. He grew to manhood at Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he attended school, and he came to Iowa in 1864, during the Civil war, and located in Jasper county when the country was new, and remained here until 1872, when he entered the service of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company as fireman, finally becoming engineer, serving twenty-three years in that capacity, being well-known in railroad circles and regarded as one of the most capable and faithful of that road's employes. He is now living retired in Newton, Iowa.

John E. Whittaker attended school in DesMoines, after which he began railroading, serving as fireman and engineer until 1910, in fact, he alternated work on the road and his father's farm, and his services on the Rock Island system were highly satisfactory at all times. Finally desiring to turn his attention to farming exclusively, he located on his present farm in 1910. It consists of one hundred and twenty-five acres, about sixty acres of which is flat, the balance rolling. It is of excellent quality and produces abundant crops, being well adapted to general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Whittaker is a member of a family consisting of five children, three daughters and two sons, he being the eldest; the others are, Frederick, Jenny, Mabel and Alice.

The subject was married November 4, 1909, to Merle Call, who was born at Broughton, Kansas, January 30, 1887. She is the daughter of Dell P. and Amelia A. (Pierce) Call, the father born in Pennsylvania in 1854 and died September, 1887, in Benton, Kansas; he made farming and school teaching his life work. Mrs. Call was born at Middlefield, Ohio, June 22, 1862, and her death occurred on May 12, 1902, in Herington, Kansas. Their family consisted of two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Whittaker being the eldest; the others are Verne, Nellie, Ralph B. and Merril.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker one child, Homer O., has been born, his birth occurring on April 2, 1910.

Politically, the subject is a Republican and, fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, including the Knights Templar, and religiously he belongs to the Congregational church.

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#### GEORGE BOWERS KELTON.

The proud American title of self-made man can be justly claimed by George Bowers Kelton, who, after a long and very active career, is now living retired in Kellogg, Jasper county. He started in life for himself with practically no aid and with none too great educational advantages, but he had inherited many of the sterling qualities of an old family of the Empire state and he has forged ahead, never permitting cares and responsibilities to thwart him, and on many an occasion, such as when the great war of the Rebellion broke out, he has shown his mettle, and he is justly entitled to the universal respect in which he is held.

Mr. Kelton was born in Chemung county, New York, October 24, 1838, and he is the son of Galon and Abigail (Smith) Kelton, the father born at

Taunton, Bristol county, Massachusetts, September 17, 1799, and the mother at Tonawanda, Pennsylvania, in 1809. The father attended school in his native state and later taught school two terms; later he devoted his attention to carpentering and the miller's trade. In September, 1855, he came to Illinois, where he remained ten years, moving to a farm in Kellogg township, Jasper county, Iowa, in September, 1865, where he remained until his death, October 3, 1875. Politically, he was a Republican, and he was a Free Mason. There were six children in his family, an equal number of sons and daughters, namely: George Bowers, of this review; Sarah Elizabeth, Henry C., Daniel Webster and two daughters who died in infancy.

George B. Kelton of this review attended school in New York until he was seventeen years of age, then came to Illinois with his father. In 1862 he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served in a very faithful manner until the cessation of hostilities, taking part in the battles of Richmond, Kentucky, Knoxville, Tennessee, in which he endured many hardships, having had nothing to eat for many days except small pieces of bread made from bran and water, with now and then parched corn. He was at Greensborough, North Carolina, when the Confederates surrendered, and he was mustered out at Chicago, June 20, 1865. In September, the same year, he came to Iowa, locating in Kellogg township, Jasper county, accompanying his father here, and settled one hundred and twenty acres of timber land, which they gradually improved and placed in cultivation, clearing seventy-five acres. They raised general crops, specializing in potatoes, and also raised large numbers of cattle and hogs. They planted a large orchard of excellent variety. Here the subject continued to reside until recently when he moved to a substantial, well furnished and cozy home in Kellogg, where, in the midst of plenty, he is spending his declining years in comfort. He was a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars, which has now been discontinued. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Kelton has never married.

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#### MARTIN ADKINS.

One of the most prominent farmers and pioneer citizens of Jasper county was Martin Adkins, whose life work has now been closed by the common fate that awaits all mankind, but his innumerable good deeds will continue to live in the lives of his many friends and descendants. He identified himself with every movement that seemed likely to contribute to the advantage of the community and was a leader in all worthy enterprises. He took great interest in

the affairs of the county and state and was foremost in his contributions to benevolent projects. Of him it can be said that the world is better for his having lived. He did not a little to make his township one of the best in the county, and after a life of unusual purity and honor he went to his reward.

Martin Adkins was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, January 26, 1821, the son of James and Nancy (Pemberton) Adkins, the father a native of one of the Carolinas; the mother was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, and her death occurred in 1879.

Martin Adkins grew up in his native state and went to school there. He made the overland trip to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1845 and in March of that year settled in Kellogg township, two miles west of the town of Kellogg, and there he farmed all his life, being actively engaged in his affairs until his death, on August 7, 1878. He was one of the earliest pioneers of the county and although he had to undergo the usual hardships and privations which all who choose to invade a new country must bear, he let nothing discourage him and became well-to-do for those days. At the time of his advent here the city of Newton had not been laid out and there was an unbroken prairie where the town of Kellogg now stands. There was not a house between his farm and Lynnville, a distance of sixteen miles, and there was not a railroad in the state and only stage lines between important places.

Mr. Adkins married Mary Ann Edwards on October 24, 1845. She was born in Henry county, Iowa, May 12, 1826, the daughter of Aaron and Mary E. (Slatton) Edwards, the father born in Kentucky.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Adkins, six sons and four daughters, all living but one son and one daughter, three of the sons and all the daughters being married. They are, Nancy Jane, born November 3, 1846; Henderson, born August 6, 1848; Alvin, born September 18, 1850; Eliza Ann, born October 22, 1852; Emory, born May 16, 1856; Archie, born February 12, 1860; Sarah A., April 30, 1862; George and William, twins, born May 19, 1866; Margaret E., born October 14, 1868.

The mother of these children is still living, being now eighty-six years of age, owning a large, substantial and comfortable home in the town of Kellogg, where she is spending her declining years in the midst of plenty, her sons William and George making their home with her. She is a woman of beautiful Christian character and is beloved by all who know her. Her two sons who live with her are unmarried.

The father, Martin Adkins, belonged to the Grangers, one of the prominent lodges in his day. He was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church.

## WILFORD WILLIAMS

Biographies should not be published unless there is something in the life and character of the individual worthy of emulation or imitation by others under like circumstances—certainly not for self-aggrandizement; but sufficient has been drawn from the life-history of Wilford Williams, one of the large landowners of Linn Grove township and one of Jasper county's most progressive agriculturists, to show that there is something in the inner life of this man worthy of more than incidental mention. He began life practically at the bottom of the ladder, which he has climbed to the top with no help but a brave heart, industrious hands and an intelligent brain, and is a living example of what may be accomplished in this nature-favored country of ours by thrift and perseverance, even under circumstances that are frequently discouraging.

Mr. Williams was born in Orange county, Indiana, August 18, 1845, and he is the son of John and Anna (Landman) Williams, both natives of the same locality in which their son was born, and there they grew to maturity, received what education they could in the early schools of the country and there were married, and there began life on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which they owned. By hard work they got a good start in life, but they left Indiana in 1855, driving a team through to Jasper county, Iowa, bringing all their household effects, using wagons, two teams of horses and a team of oxen. They settled in Linn Grove township, where Mr. Williams bought one hundred and sixty acres, which he later sold and, moving to Earlham, this state, bought one hundred and sixty acres near there, and he remained on that place until his death in 1903. He was a member of the Friends church. His family consisted of the following children: Mrs. Malinda Stanley, Isaac, Isaiah, Wilford, of this review; Stanford, deceased; Richmond is living at Cedar Falls, Iowa; Albert is a resident of Oskaloosa, this state; John; Elmira and Rachael are deceased; Thomas L.; Robert died in infancy.

Wilford Williams had only a limited schooling in the primitive schools of Indiana and Iowa, and during the crop seasons, when a boy, he assisted with the general work on the home farm, later working by the month; then he rented a few years, and in 1867 he bought eighty acres, which he still owns. By close application and good management he prospered and added to his original holdings until he now owns seven hundred and nine acres of very choice and productive land, after giving each of his children eighty acres. He has kept his land under first-class improvements and a high state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He has been one of the largest cattle feeders of the county, having fed large

numbers of both cattle and hogs for fifty years and no small part of his large competency has been derived from this source. He has been very robust throughout his very busy life, having a capacity for work in excess of the average man. He has a pleasant home and neat surroundings.

Mr. Williams is a Republican and he has served his township as trustee. He is a member of the Friends church.

In November, 1866, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Anna Graham, who was born in England, and this union resulted in the birth of the following children: Charlie is living west of Lynnville; Eddie is living north of Lynnville; Mrs. Lillie Ratcliffe was next in order of birth; Harry and Earl are both living north of Lynnville.

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#### WILLARD HENRY BENSON.

Although a young man, Willard Henry Benson, of Kellogg township, has gained a good foothold in the agricultural world, and has shown what one can accomplish in a short time if he is willing to labor persistently along legitimate courses and not permit himself to be subdued by seemingly untoward circumstances, for if one is easily discouraged at the outset there is little chance that much that is worth while will be accomplished in the later stages of the game which we call life.

Mr. Benson was born in Kellogg, Iowa, November 5, 1887, and he is the son of Charles Horace Benson, who was born at Madison, Wisconsin, March 17, 1846, and he married Caroline Dunton, who was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio, in 1881. The father has devoted his life to farming. He came here in 1867 and here he has continued to reside to the present time, being well-known and highly respected in his community, having worked hard and laid by a competency, so he is now living retired in a very neat and cozy home in the town of Kellogg.

Willard H. Benson, of this review, received a good education, having attended the Glendale school in Kellogg township, working on the home place during crop seasons, thus receiving good training in his chosen line of endeavor, and he has devoted himself to farming ever since, now owning a very productive and neat little farm of eighty acres in section 13, Kellogg township, and here he is making a very comfortable living and has a pleasant home.

Mr. Benson was married on February 27, 1907, to Goldie May Ellis, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, May 9 1890, the daughter of John Calvin Ellis, and her mother's maiden name was Mary Showalter, whose birth occurred in Iowa. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Benson, Myrtle Irene and Florence May.

Politically, Mr. Benson is a Democrat, but he does not take any special interest in political matters, merely striving to advance himself and live the life of an honest and desirable citizen.

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#### JOSEPH SMITH TREASE.

The commercial world has long since come to recognize the importance of the farmer who furnishes the food for the world, and has surrounded him with almost innumerable contrivances not thought of a century ago. The inventor has given him the self-binder, the riding-plow, the steam-thresher, and many other labor-saving devices; and the farmer has not been slow to take advantage of the improvements thus invented and offered. Among the hardworking farmers of Rock Center township, Jasper county, is the subject of this brief sketch, Joseph Smith Trease, who was born July 13, 1855, in this county. Thus he has lived to see the great transformation of the same from wild and sparsely settled stretches of prairie to one of the garden spots of the great Haweye commonwealth, and has not only been an interested spectator of the same, but a lively participant. He is the son of Joshua Madison Trease, who was born in North Carolina, April 2, 1810, and who married Nancy Maise, who was born in Claiborne county, Tennessee, January 7, 1813. They spent their early life in their native country, emigrating overland to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1848, locating among the pioneers and starting a new home in an undeveloped region where yet roamed Indians and wild beasts, and here, by dint of hard labor and economy, they built a good home. Mr. Trease entering eighty acres of land where the city of Newton now stands. The death of the elder Trease occurred in 1874. In his family were six sons and four daughters, named as follows: Willey M. is deceased; Louis, Jefferson; Emily Jane; William M. died in infancy; Lucy A.; George L.; Marinda M.; Mary E. died September 25, 1850; Wesley S. is deceased; Joseph S., of this review.

The gentleman whose name forms the introduction to this sketch grew to maturity on the home farm, where he worked during the summer months and attended the neighboring schools in the wintertime, later working for several

years by the month as a farm hand, in order to get a start, and in 1882 he went to farming for himself in the northwest corner of Rock Creek township, where he remained for seventeen years, and where he owned a place of forty acres, remaining on this place seven years, then purchased his present place of thirty acres in that township, where he has a neat little home, and is making a comfortable living.

Mr. Trease was married on September 28, 1882, to Carrie Edna Rice, who was born in Illinois, April 21, 1866, the daughter of James Austin Rice, who was born in Wooster, Massachusetts. He married Clarissa Clark, who was born in the same city. They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Ellen, John, Edward, Emma, Frank Comfort, George Washington, Charles Elsworth, Lucy Ann, and Carrie Edna, wife of Mr. Trease. They are all living.

Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Trease, named as follows: Henry C., born January 3, 1884; Nancy Clarissa, born March 9, 1886, is deceased; James Beck, born August 31, 1888, died June 19, 1895; Charles David, born December 7, 1890; Jacob Jefferson, born December 10, 1892; Phoebe H., born November 28, 1894, died September 24, 1895; Estella Verbenia, born September 1, 1896; Lucy Emeline, born March 15, 1894; Harold Christopher, born January 29, 1896; Joshua Austin, born December 16, 1902; Elbert Theodore, born July 29, 1905; Carl Nelson, born August 25, 1907; Clyde Laurena, born August 29, 1909.

Mr. Trease is a member of the Baptist church, and politically he is a Republican.

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#### CHARLES EDGAR HILL.

The representative farmer and enterprising citizen of whom the biographer now writes in this connection belongs to one of the old and well-known families of Jasper county, and it is a compliment honorably earned to ascribe to him a prominent place among the most up-to-date farmers of the community where he has spent his life and is now successfully engaged in his chosen vocation, for he saw from the outset, it seems, the necessity of performing every task that presented itself quickly and as nearly accurate in every detail as possible and thus he has been guided in all his undertakings.

Charles Edgar Hill was born four miles southwest of Kellogg, February 20, 1877, and he is the son of Joshua B. and Elizabeth (Stanley) Hill, who

were born in Indiana. There they grew to maturity, were educated and married, later coming to Iowa, and here became well fixed, owning a good farm.

Charles E. Hill grew up on the home farm in this county and there he worked during the crop seasons. He received a good education at Pleasant View school, in this county, after which he turned his attention to farming, which he has continued to the present time, having located on the farm which he now owns in 1902. He has a well located and productive farm of one hundred and ten acres in sections 23 and 24. He keeps a good grade of live stock and has excellent buildings on his place.

Mr. Hill was married December 25, 1892, to Buella Gibbs, whose birth occurred in Kellogg, Iowa, December 13, 1878.

Politically, Mr. Hill is a Republican and, fraternally, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen, and Mrs. Hill is a member of the Christian church. They are highly respected by all who know them.

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#### CLAUDE ARTHUR BRALEY.

Longfellow said, "The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well and doing well whatever you do, without any thought of fame." Illustrative of this sentiment has been the life of Claude Arthur Braley, one of the young generation of farmers living in Kellogg township, Jasper county. In looking over his well kept place the stranger readily observes that he has done well whatever he has turned his attention to and therefore success has attended his efforts.

Mr. Braley was born in this vicinity, June 7, 1882, the son of Joseph and Marion (Whitecomb) Braley, the father born in Vermont, and the mother in Indiana. The elder Braley was a capitalist and became well-known, having come to Jasper county some years ago, and here his death occurred on December 22, 1906.

The son, Claude A. Braley, of this review, grew to maturity in his home community and was educated in the public schools here. He began life for himself by working at the elevator in Kellogg for six years, then he turned his attention to farming, which he has continued to the present time, first locating on forty acres of land near his present farm, and in 1910 he moved to his present farm of eighty acres in section 25, Kellogg township, which he is rapidly improving and on which he is making a good living. He has a very neat home and he keeps some good live stock.

Mr. Braley was married on October 3, 1906, to Jessie May Thompson, who was born in Greenwood, Wisconsin, the daughter of George and Ida Thompson, both natives of Wisconsin. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Braley, a son named Joseph Gayland, whose birth occurred on January 3, 1908.

Politically, Mr. Braley is a Democrat, and in fraternal matters he belongs to the Masonic order and the Woodmen of the World, standing high in each, for he endeavors to carry their teachings into his every day dealings with his fellow men.

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#### CARL LENZ.

Among the thrifty German citizens who have taken up their abode in Jasper county and have thereby benefited alike themselves and the community is Carl Lenz, farmer of Kellogg township, who was born at Kroganke, West Prussia, Germany, October 13, 1864, the son of Ferdinand and Caroline Lenz, both born in Germany, the father on February 4, 1837, and the mother on January 11, 1842. Not being satisfied in the fatherland and most of his children being in the United States, Ferdinand Lenz came to our shores in 1894, he and his wife coming to live with their oldest son, Carl, of this review, who was farming the old Shuman place, three miles south of Laurel. After living on the farm six years they moved to Kellogg. The father's death occurred on February 5, 1904, and the mother is living with her two youngest sons, Gustav and Arthur, keeping house for them.

Carl Lenz grew to maturity in his native land and went through all the branches of the public schools there, attending school from the time he was seven until he was fourteen years of age. After leaving school he began learning the mason's trade, and in 1879 he emigrated to America with relatives. Locating in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he worked for some time in Plankington's packing house, later worked in some of the famous Milwaukee breweries, but the work being too hard he was compelled to give it up. Money was then scarce and jobs few and hundreds of idle men were besieging the employment bureaus about the court house, looking for work, Mr. Lenz being one of the number. That was the latter part of December, 1882. The subject decided to leave there and, taking the tracks of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, he followed them south to Freeport, Illinois, being compelled to ask for food several times on the way, and at night slept in straw-stacks. He found employment on a farm near Freeport and worked there six years, most of the

time in the neighborhood of Eleroy. He saved his money in order to get a start, and in 1887 moved to Iowa and rented a farm three miles south of Laurel, Jasper county, for five years. Here he found hard work and often trying conditions to meet, but he persevered, refusing to be downed by obstacles. He moved to the E. P. Shuman farm, which he operated for eleven years, then purchased the place and is still living three miles north of Kellogg, having a good farm and a very comfortable home. He is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully, keeping his place well tilled and well improved.

Mr. Lenz has been twice married, first on May 10, 1889, to Minnie Bloom, daughter of Gottlieb and Christina Bloom, of Laurel, Marshall county, Iowa. To this union one son and two daughters were born, who are living and one son, the oldest, died when six months old: John, Emma and Marie being the others. The mother of these children died on March 25, 1895, and on May 29, 1900, Mr. Lenz was married to Lena Exter, daughter of Anton and Friederike (Saak) Luff, of Stemmen, Lippe-Detmold, Germany. The following children were born of the second union: Adolf, Clara, Ernst, Louis and Eleanora.

Politically, Mr. Lenz is a Republican and he has always been interested in the development of his community along all lines and has proven to be a good citizen.

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#### FELIX LITTLETON PHIPPS.

The qualities which have made Felix Littleton Phipps one of the prominent and successful men of Kellogg, Jasper county, have also brought him the esteem of his fellow townsmen, for his career has been one of well-directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods, and his career should serve as an incentive and inspiration for others. By his uniform courtesy, amiable disposition and genuine worth he has gained for himself a warm place in the hearts of the people of the vicinity of which this book treats.

Mr. Phipps was born of an excellent old family in the land of the "dark and bloody ground," he being a native of Clinton county, Kentucky, July 13, 1867. He is the son of James Washington Phipps, who was born near Parmitaysville, Wayne county, Kentucky, June 21, 1837. He married Myrtle Jane Upchurch, who was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, in 1847. The father of the subject attended school in his native state and after finishing his education he began life for himself by working on the farm, and he also

worked in the coal mines in that state when a boy, in fact continued until January 25, 1864, when he joined the Union army, becoming second lieutenant of Company I, Thirty-first Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, in which he served very faithfully until the close of the war, after which he went back to farming in his native state and there he remained until May, 1880, when he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and settled in Rock Creek township, where he maintained his home until 1884, then moved to Independence township, locating near Baxter, which was his home until January 9, 1899, when he moved to Sheridan county, Missouri, where he now resides. He was married in Albany, Kentucky, and his family consists of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, namely: Theodosia, Felix, Elizabeth, Martha Frances, Emoline, Anna, Mary Jane, John Jay, Ellen Ester.

The subject attended the country schools of Jasper county until 1880, when he entered the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, Iowa, leaving that institution in 1890, having thus received a good education. He then worked as clerk in a bank at Baxter, Iowa, and kept books for the John B. Dresser Lumber Company in the same town. During the summer and fall of 1892 he worked for the Reeder-Bowen Grain Company. He also taught school in the country for thirteen terms, during which time he became popular as an educator with both pupils and patrons and his services were in great demand. He was well qualified for this line of work both by nature and training. He was postmaster at Baxter, Iowa, from 1893 to 1897, giving the people and the postoffice department the utmost satisfaction.

Mr. Phipps was married on November 3, 1897, to Rebecca Young, in Rock Creek township, who was born July 7, 1860, in Wayne county, Kentucky, the daughter of Edward and Jane (Parmley) Young. The father was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, March 22, 1822, and, reaching a ripe old age, he passed away on April 15, 1908; the mother was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, February 9, 1820, and she, too, reached an advanced age, dying on April 14, 1909.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, Frederick, whose birth occurred May 30, 1898, and Ester Viola, born July 15, 1901, both in Rock Creek township, this county.

Fraternally, Mr. Phipps is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, he is a Democrat and has taken considerable interest in the affairs of his party. He was appointed mayor of Kellogg in August, 1910, and is now serving in that capacity in a manner that reflects credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is doing much for the permanent good of the town.

## WILLIAM C. DEBRUYN.

One of the leading citizens and representative farmers and stock men of Elk Creek township, Jasper county, is William C. DeBruyn. His has been an active and useful life, but the limited space at the disposal of the biographer forbids more than a casual mention of the leading events of his career, which will suffice to show what earnest endeavor and honesty of purpose rightly applied and persistently followed will lead to—ultimate success. He is looked upon as a man thoroughly in sympathy with any movement looking to the betterment or advancement in any way of the community in which he resides, never shrinking his duty when questions involving the general good are at stake, for he believes it the duty of every citizen, while laboring for his own advancement, to look to the progress of his locality and the happiness of his neighbors as well. He has always been regarded as a man of sterling honesty and worthy of the utmost confidence and respect which his fellow citizens have been free to accord owing to his genial disposition, his public spirit and his uniformly upright and industrious life.

Mr. DeBruyn was born in Marion county, Iowa, on August 25, 1868. He is the son of Kryn and Mattie (VanVark) DeBruyn, both natives of Holland, the father born on November 7, 1838, and the mother on April 29, 1849. The father spent his early boyhood in his native country, emigrating to the United States when fifteen years of age, in 1853, and was thrown on his own resources when but a boy, having lost his father when five months old and his mother when twelve years of age. He was given a home by his brother-in-law, Von Steinburg, and he accompanied them to Marion county, Iowa, and they settled in Lake Prairie township. The mother of the subject was brought to Marion county, Iowa, just a few days after she was born, her parents, William and Mary VanVark, establishing their home there. In Marion county the parents of the subject of this sketch grew to maturity and received their education in the common schools and there they married. The father worked on the farm until the breaking out of the war between the states when he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served faithfully for a period of three years, during which time he spent ten months in the Confederate prison at Tyler, Texas, having contracted the scurvy there, the scars from which he still carries. He returned to Iowa after the war and resumed farming in Marion county. He came to Jasper county some time afterwards and farmed here on rented land until his death, on January 9, 1904. His family consisted of five sons and eight daughters, twelve of whom survive, William C., of this review, being the second in order of birth.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. DeBRUYN





William C. DeBruyn grew up on the farm and he attended the public schools in Pleasant Grove district, Marion county. When twenty-one years of age he began life for himself, having assisted his father with the general work on the land he had under cultivation until then. He worked one year by the month and then buying a team and harness and plow the following fall, he rented ground, forty acres of corn land, of Pat Moran. The following spring he was married, and after renting one year he purchased eighty acres in Elk Creek township, which he later sold and bought two hundred and forty acres, having met with encouraging success in this favored locality, for he was always a hard worker and managed his affairs in a masterly manner. This land was in DesMoines township, southwestern part of Jasper county, but that being a bad year and fortune going against him he gave up this land and rented for another year. In the fall of 1897 he bought one hundred and eighty-five acres immediately east of the town of Galesburg and moved thereto the following spring. Here he met with encouraging success and had added sixty acres in two more years, and he is now the owner of one of the choice farms of the township, which consists of three hundred and five and a half acres, including town property on which he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has placed this land under a high state of improvement and cultivation and he is regarded as one of the best farmers of his community. In 1901 he purchased thirteen acres in the town of Galesburg and also bought a fine house and barn there and this was his place of abode for a period of nine years. Turning his attention to merchandising, he conducted a general store in 1909 and 1910 in Galesburg. This he later disposed of and, being lured by the freedom of outdoor life, returned to the farm on February 1, 1911, and he is at this writing living at his beautiful home just east of Galesburg where he is well fixed to enjoy life and make a good living. In connection with general agricultural pursuits, he handles some excellent live stock of which he is fond and a splendid judge, making a specialty of Percheron horses, which, owing to their superior quality, are much admired by all fanciers.

Politically, Mr. DeBruyn is a Republican and he takes a good citizen's interest in the affairs of his community, which he has served most acceptably as justice of the peace, his decisions having always been characterized by fairness and they have seldom met with a reversal at the hands of a higher tribunal. Religiously, he is a member and liberal supporter of the Christian church of Galesburg.

On March 3, 1892, occurred the ceremony which united the lives of William C. DeBruyn and Anna DePenning. The latter was born in Summit

township, Marion county, Iowa, on February 2, 1873. She there grew to womanhood and received her education in the common schools. She is the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Akerman) DePenning, the father having been a pioneer of Marion county, locating there in 1851. The mother was born in Melhaska county, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. DeBruyn eight children have been born, named in order of birth as follows: Frank, born November 27, 1892; Mary Gladys, born April 23, 1895; Jennie, born September 13, 1897, died October 7th, of the same year; Jacob W., born January 8, 1899, died September 6, 1910; Maudie Beatrice, born August 30, 1901; Bernice Leona, born March 22, 1904; Clara Wilma, born March 13, 1906; Luella Fern, born August 17, 1908.

Mr. DeBruyn is a good business man and does not hesitate to back his better judgment by taking a chance. He has been very successful during the latter part of his life and has laid by a competency for his old age. He is well preserved physically, a man of splendid physique, and very pleasant in disposition, a kind father and husband and a good neighbor and citizen, a plain unassuming man whom it is a delight to meet.

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#### JAMES BOYLE.

America is greatly indebted to the little Emerald isle for having sent such a myriad host of her best citizens to help us develop the Union. They have been coming to our shores since the colonial days and have settled in almost every county in our half hundred states and territories, devoting themselves to all lines of endeavor, and succeeding, too, at whatever they undertook. They have been loyal to our institutions and been ready upon all occasions to defend our flag in times of national peril; in short, we have no better foreign-born citizens than the Irish.

One of this great number is James Boyle, farmer, of Kellogg, Jasper county, whose birth occurred in county Sligo, Ireland, December 25, 1848. He is the son of Patrick and Alice (Fitzpatrick) Boyle, both born in county Sligo, the father in 1820 and the mother in 1803. The father spent his entire life in his native country, dying in 1860 at the age of forty years; the mother came to America and her death occurred in Davenport, Iowa, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. For many years Patrick Boyle was a professor of various schools in Ireland, being a highly educated man and of excellent characteristics. His wife was a remarkable woman in many respects. There were

seven children in their family, four sons and three daughters, namely: Michael, John, Patrick, James (of this review), Maggie, Kate and Mariah.

James Boyle was ten years old when he emigrated to America. He remained in New York City until 1866, when he came west and secured employment as foreman on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, on which he worked for a period of thirty-nine years in the same capacity, being regarded by the officials as one of the most efficient and faithful employes. Finally tiring of railroading, he purchased his present farm of sixty acres in sections 26 and 27, Kellogg township, Jasper county. This land was bought by him in 1903, but he did not turn his attention to active farming until 1905, and since then he has devoted his attention exclusively to his place which, under his able management, is yielding abundant harvests. He maintains his dwelling in the town of Kellogg.

Mr. Boyle was married in 1875 to Anna McGuire, who was born in New York City in 1858, the daughter of Patrick McGuire, who was born in Donegal, Ireland, in 1828, and who died some ten years ago at the age of seventy-two years. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, four sons and one daughter, namely: Earl, Jay, Charles, Harry and Bessie.

Politically, Mr. Boyle is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic order and Woodmen lodge. He is a worthy member of the Catholic church.

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#### BENJAMIN LUFKIN.

The record of an honorable, upright life is always read with interest, and it better perpetuates the name and fame of the subject than does a monument, seen by few and soon crumbling into dust beneath the relentless hand of time. So far the record of Benjamin Lufkin, one of Jasper county's progressive citizens, has been of such a consistent nature as to give him a lasting good name among those with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Lufkin was born in Lynn Grove, this county, November 7, 1860, and he is the son of William and Nancy (Adams) Lufkin, an old and highly honored family who were prominent here in the days of the early settlement of the county, the father having been a native of Freeport, Maine, and the mother was born in New Jersey. They left their far eastern homes when young and came to Jasper county, Iowa, where they were married. William Lufkin, in early life, was a ship's cabinet-maker, working on the interior finish of ocean vessels, and, being very skilled, his services were in great demand. After coming to Iowa he turned his attention to farming, at which he was very

successful, becoming the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in Elk Creek township and he was one of the leading citizens of that locality for many years, his death occurring on December 31, 1881, when fifty-seven years of age. The mother died when their son, Benjamin, was but a small child. It was in 1857 that William Lufkin came to Jasper county, Iowa, and, as intimated, he soon became one of the stalwart citizens of the community, taking an abiding interest in the great advancement of his day. As a young man he made several trips to the West Indies as an ordinary sailor, and it was very interesting to listen to his reminiscences of such voyages. He became well-to-do in later life, owning at one time a considerable interest in the Jasper County Bank. There were but three children in his family, Benjamin, of this review; William, who died in infancy, and a sister, Eva, who also died in infancy.

After receiving a good common school education, gained by alternating schooling with work on the home farm, Benjamin Lufkin, in the spring of 1882, began working for himself by renting a farm for a year, after which he purchased a place. He worked almost unceasingly, and by energy, thrift and economy became the owner of a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he placed under excellent improvements and a high state of cultivation and which is considered one of the best farms in the vicinity of Reasnor, Palo Alto township, besides which he has other interests of considerable magnitude. He has a beautifully located and neatly kept home, which is presided over by a lady of fine qualities, known in her maidenhood as Joanna Robinson, with whom Mr. Lufkin was united in marriage on December 10, 1882. She is the daughter of S. D. and Ann (Robinson) Robinson, both natives of Pennsylvania. Her parents came to Iowa as young people and were married in Henry county and took up farming for a life work. Mrs. Lufkin has two brothers and one sister living, William and Charles Robinson are farming in Jasper county; Mrs. Elizabeth Pumroy, widow of Milton Pumroy, resides in Reasnor.

One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lufkin, William, whose birth occurred August 30, 1883, and who resides upon the place where he was born. He married Florence Rater, and they have one child, Omer, a sturdy little fellow of three years.

Fraternally, Mr. Lufkin is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and he has been manager of the local lodge for seven years, but at present does not hold that position. He is well known all over the county and is a man of high ideals and upright principles. He has traveled considerably over the United States and has a fund of practical information, having always been a keen observer and a wide reader.

## FRED ALLAN.

In looking over the records of Jasper county farmers we find none who furnish a worthier example of the wide application of sound business principles and safe conservatism than Fred Allan, of Independence township. The story of his success is not long nor does it contain any exciting chapters, but in it lies one of the most valuable secrets of the prosperity which it records; his career is replete with interest and incentive, no matter how lacking in dramatic action, it being the record of a life consistent with itself and its possibilities in every particular.

Fred Allan was born in the township where he still resides on August 20, 1877, and here he grew to manhood, was educated and has spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is the son of James and Joan (Davidson) Allan, the father born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1835, and she was also a native of Scotland. They emigrated to America in early life and settled in Jasper county and they are still living on the home farm in Independence township. Their family consisted of eleven children, seven of whom are living, named as follows: John, born July 7, 1861, is residing on the home farm in Independence township; Mrs. Margaret Yule lives in Newcastle, Colorado; Mrs. Charles Davey lives in Baxter; William lives in Seattle, Washington; Charles lives in Newcastle, Colorado; Fred, of this sketch; Mrs. Jessie Cool, born January 22, 1885, lives in Baxter, Iowa. Four children died in early childhood. The elder ones were born in Scotland, and all were reared in Independence township.

Fred Allan was married on January 20, 1902, to Leota Cool, who was born in this township, August 12, 1880, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education, having graduated from the Baxter high school with the class of 1899. She is the daughter of Peter J. and Lusina B. (Stone) Cool. Her father came with his parents to Jasper county in 1853, when a year old, his birth having occurred in Freeport, Illinois, July 1, 1852, thus being among the early settlers of this county; Mrs. Allan's mother was born in Wisconsin, June 16, 1860, and came here when young. These parents reside in a comfortable home in the town of Baxter, Jasper county.

There were six children in the Cool family, all of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Agnes Workman, born December 15, 1878, lives in Baxter; Leota, wife of Mr. Allan, of this sketch; Mrs. Jennie Goodwin, born January 27, 1882, lives in Independence township; Mrs. Winnifred Curyea, born December 16, 1883, lives in Parker, South Dakota; Mrs. Alphone Gallagher,

born August 2, 1887, lives at home; Mrs. Ethel Dodd, born November 30, 1891, of Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa. All these children were born and reared in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allan has been born one son, Arnold Alphonse, whose birth occurred on August 2, 1910.

Politically, Mr. Allan is a Democrat and his wife is a member of the Congregational church at Baxter. He belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, at Baxter, while she is a member of Temple No. 202, Pythian Sisters.

Mr. Allan is the owner of eighty-five acres of good land in Independence township, and he tills seventy-five acres in addition to this. He has a good farm, well improved and he carries on general farming and stock raising successfully. He has good live stock, and his home is a new, commodious and nicely furnished one, surrounded by excellent outbuildings. They are prominent in the social life of the community and are well known over this part of the county, having spent their lives here and each representing sterling old families. They have worked hard, been economical and managed well so that they are now very comfortably established.

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#### THOMAS HELMING.

Life is pleasant to live when we know how to make the most of it. Some people start on their careers as if they had weights on their souls, or were afraid to make the necessary effort to live up to a high standard. Others, by not making a proper study of the conditions of existence, or by not having the best of all trainers, good parents, are side-tracked at the outset and never seem thereafter to be able to get back again on the main track. Much depends on the start, just as it does in a race. The horse that gets the best start, all other things being equal, will almost invariably win the race. So in the race of life; if you are properly started with suitable grooming, such as good educational and home training, you will lead in the race in after years and enjoy your existence. Such home influences were thrown around Thomas Helming, well known contractor of Baxter, Jasper county. Both father and mother were people of sound principles and exemplary habits and at their deaths, a number of years ago, there was no word of reproach spoken by any one, and they left a name revered by all their many friends.

Thomas Helming was born in Waukon, Allamakee county, Iowa, October 7, 1865. He is the son of Conrad and Wilhelmina Helming, both born in Germany, the father in the province of Lippe-Detmold, and there they spent their early lives, emigrating to America in the year 1842, and established a good home in Allamakee county, Iowa, in the early days, and there they both died, the father at the age of seventy-four years. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are living at this writing, namely: Fred, deceased; George lives at Alexandria, Minnesota; John lives in Chicago; Thomas of this sketch; Frederick and Albert are both deceased. These children were born and reared in Allamakee county.

Thomas Helming grew to manhood in Allamakee and Dubuque counties, being reared on the farm, and he received his education in the common schools. Upon leaving the farm he engaged in the implement business in Baxter for a period of four years, enjoying a good trade. In 1893 he moved to Jasper county and has since resided here. He engaged in the lumber business in the town of Baxter for a period of six years. He gave up this line of endeavor in 1899 and took up the implement business again, which he continued for five years. He is at present engaged as a contracting mason and bricklayer in Baxter and is kept busy with numerous big jobs.

Mr. Helming understands thoroughly every phase of the work in which he is now engaged and, being an honest, conscientious contractor, he has all the work he can do in all seasons.

The subject was married on December 6, 1889, to Ida Hager, who was born in Allamakee county, this state, October 17, 1867, and there she grew to womanhood and received her education. She is the daughter of Simon and Minnie (Krampe) Hager, both natives of Germany, the father born on July 7, 1835, and the mother in July, 1848. There they spent their earlier years, finally emigrating to Allamakee county, Iowa, where they established a good home and there the father is still living, the mother having died on May 4, 1900. They became the parents of ten children, named as follows, and all living in 1912: William lives in Waukon, Iowa; Mrs. Ida Helming lives in Baxter; Mrs. Mary M. Kanne lives in Malaka township, this county; Mrs. Sophia Flage lives in Allamakee county; Mrs. Minnie Toney lives in Waukon, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah Bauercamper lives in Allamakee county; Mrs. Meta Kreiger, of Allamakee county; Lizzie lives on the old home place in Allamakee county, on which Albert also lives; Mrs. Ella Ernst, wife of Rev. Ernst, of St. Paul, Minnesota. These children were all born and reared in Allamakee county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Helming has been born one son, Arthur Benjamin, whose birth occurred in Allamakee county on August 31, 1892. He completed the high school at Baxter with the class of 1906, then attended Drake University at Des Moines for two terms. He is at present engaged as clerk in the Baxter Mercantile Company's store at Baxter, and is a young man of much promise.

Politically, Mr. Helming is a Republican, but while he has always been interested in the progress of his community along all lines he has never been an aspirant for public favors. Fraternally, he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Baxter, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church of Waukon, Iowa.

Mr. Helming has a pleasant and well furnished home in Baxter, which he keeps well supplied with good literature.

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#### CALVIN NOAH.

In the history of Jasper county as applying to business affairs, the name of Calvin Noah, well known hardware merchant of Baxter, occupies a conspicuous place, for through a number of years he has been one of the representative men of affairs—progressive, enterprising and persevering. Such qualities always win success, sooner or later, and to Mr. Noah they have brought a satisfactory reward for his well directed efforts, and while he has benefited himself and community in a material way he has also been an influential factor in the educational, political and moral uplift of the community.

Mr. Noah was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on March 31, 1877. He is the son of Henry and Frederika (Schuenelle) Noah, both residing in Baxter, where the father is one of the proprietors of the Baxter Roller Mills. He was born in Germany in 1847 and there grew to manhood. He was twenty years old when he emigrated to America, and his first place of residence here was in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he remained six years, then came to Jasper county, Iowa, and engaged in farming in Malaka township for a period of twenty-seven years. Leaving the farm in July, 1902, he entered the flour mill at Baxter in partnership with August Hager, and they have built up an extensive business. Henry Noah was married in 1873 to Frederika Schuenelle, who was born in Wisconsin, on February 25, 1849, daughter of Frederick and Frederika (Bodkin) Schuenelle, natives of Germany, both immigrating to this country and spending the rest of their lives here. Thirteen children

were born to Henry Noah and wife, namely: Lydia, Clara, Anna, Selma, Calvin, Alma, Elvina, John, Rosa, Mrs. Nancy Raridon and Meta.

Calvin Noah grew to manhood in Jasper county and was educated in the public schools here. He assisted his father with the farm work until he reached his majority. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed two years, then worked in the mill at Baxter. In 1906 he became a partner in the hardware and furniture business in Baxter, and on March 1, 1911, he became sole proprietor of the store. He is handling both lines in a very successful manner, enjoying an extensive and ever growing trade with the surrounding country, carrying one of the largest and most up-to-date stocks in these lines to be found in the county. By industry and close attention to details he has met with a large measure of success and has secured a competency.

Mr. Noah was married on March 29, 1910, to Charlotta Wintermier, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on April 16, 1883. She grew to womanhood and received her education here. She is the daughter of Louis, Sr., and Lottie (Miller) Wintermier, both natives of Germany, where they spent their early years, finally emigrating to America and locating in Jasper county, where they prospered in agricultural pursuits. They are now residing in a comfortable home in Baxter. Their family consisted of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Louis, of Independence township; Mrs. Lena Kruse lives in Malaka township; and Charlotta, wife of Mr. Noah, of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Noah are members of the German Reformed church.

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#### W. T. THORP.

Among the men of Jasper county who have appreciated present-day opportunities and have profited by their ingenuity and perseverance in the business world as a result of the favorable conditions existing in this locality is W. T. Thorp, well known and extensive grain dealer of Baxter, Independence township. Although the major part of his busy and useful life has been spent in localities other than this, since coming here he has made a host of friends by his industry, his honest dealings and his manifest desire to assist in all worthy public movements.

Mr. Thorp was born in Plano, Illinois, August 22, 1858, and when ten years old he removed with his parents to near Jefferson, Greene county, Iowa, and there, in Franklin township, he grew to maturity, assisting on the home farm during the summer months and attending the rural schools in the winter

time. He is the son of O. L. and Jane (Welch) Thorp, the father born in Oswego, New York, on April 14, 1827, and the mother was born near Little Rock, Illinois, October 23, 1836. They are now living at Cooper, Iowa; they are now advanced in years and are spending a serene old age after an industrious, honorable and successful career, and they enjoy a large friendship there. They are the parents of the following children: George, born February 27, 1856, died at Mt. Pleasant, in 1901; W. T., of this review; C. I., born in 1860, lives at Long Beach, California; Etta Winkelman, born December 25, 1868, lives in Jefferson, Iowa.

Mr. Thorp, of this review, was married on December 14, 1880, to Nettie Colbert, who was born in Montpelier, Ohio, March 10, 1862. When sixteen years old she came with her parents to Iowa and settled in Greene county. She is the daughter of Jesse and Mary (McDonald) Colbert, both natives of Ohio; the father, a veteran of the Civil war, died in Audubon county, Iowa, in February, 1910, at the age of seventy-four years; the mother, who still resides in Audubon county, is now seventy-two years old. Mrs. Thorp's grandmother reached the remarkable age of one hundred and four years. There were ten children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Colbert, all born in Ohio except the youngest, Mrs. Thorp of this review being the eldest; the others are, Cash E., of Greene county, this state; Celesta Thorp lives near Cooper, Iowa; Oral lives near Coon Rapids, Iowa; Anna Caswell also lives near the last named place; Robert lives on the home farm; Clarence lives west of Scranton, Iowa; the youngest were triplets, all living, Wilkie, of Hastings, Nebraska; Wilson lives near Coon Rapids, Iowa; LeRoy lives on the home farm with his mother. All these children were reared in Audubon county, but it is the birthplace of the triplets only.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thorp four daughters have been born, also one son, namely: Lulu Buchanan, born in Greene county, December 10, 1881, is a graduate of the high school at Baxter and is now living in Valley City, North Dakota; Lena Rose, born June 6, 1885, lives in Baxter; Jay E., born February 2, 1886, is assisting his father in the coal and grain business in Baxter; Margaret, born in Baxter, October 20, 1895, attended high school in her native town; Irene was born in Baxter in 1901 and is now attending school.

Mr. Thorp and family moved to Bondurant, Iowa, in 1892 and there successfully conducted a grain business until 1894, in which year he moved to Baxter and has been engaged in the same business continuously to the present time, becoming widely known in this part of the county and enjoying a large and constantly growing business, earning for him a very comfortable income.

Aside from the vast amount of grain fed by the farmers in the vicinity of Baxter annually, Mr. Thorp shipped, during the year preceding this writing, forty-three carloads of corn and fifty-two carloads of oats, besides disposing of fifty-two carloads of coal.

Politically, Mr. Thorp is a Democrat. He is a charter member of Active Lodge No. 516, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Baxter, having occupied all the chairs of the same, and he has been its treasurer for the past few years; he is a member of Encampment No. 224, at Baxter; he also belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and has occupied all the chairs in the same and is at present keeper of records and seal of the same; he is a member of Baxter Camp No. 5642, Modern Woodmen of America, at Baxter, having occupied all the chairs, and for the past eight years has been its efficient clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorp have a pleasant and attractive home in Baxter, selling their original dwelling in 1911 and purchasing another soon afterwards. They have given their children the best educational advantages and keep their home well supplied with choice current literature, being broad-minded, liberal and hospitable, and are in every way deserving of the esteem in which they are so widely held.

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#### PHILIP S. HILL.

The name of Philip S. Hill is too well known to the farming community of Malaka township to be formally introduced here, since he has long made his residence in Jasper county, in fact has spent nearly all his life here, having been born in Henry county, Illinois, May 11, 1869, and in 1872 he came to Jasper county, Iowa, where he has since resided. He is the son of W. E. and Rebecca (Emmert) Hill, the father born in New York, September 15, 1843. They lived for some time in Henry county, Illinois, emigrating from there to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1872, and here they established their home. The father is now living in Newton, the mother having died in Illinois. Philip S. Hill, of this sketch, is the only living member of the family; a sister, born in Malaka township, died in infancy.

Philip S. Hill grew to manhood here and received his education in the local schools. He was married on October 21, 1896, to Ida Ogg, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, September 2, 1875, and here she grew to womanhood and received her educational training. She is the daughter of John W.

and Elnora (Miller) Ogg, both natives of Ohio; there they grew up and were married, emigrating to Jasper county, Iowa, among the early settlers, establishing their permanent home; the father is now living in Kellogg township and the mother died in this county on March 22, 1909. They were the parents of four children, all living as follows: Dottie, born January 3, 1871, lives on the old home farm near Kellogg; Charles W., born May 24, 1873, lives at Newton, Iowa; Ida, wife of Mr. Hill, of this sketch; Frank E., born August 24, 1879, lives on the home farm near Kellogg. These children were born and reared in Kellogg township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been born five children, all living, named as follows: Ethel Mazoe, born December 22, 1897; William Wesley, born July 10, 1899; Bessie Elnora, born October 12, 1901; Roy Edward, born February 29, 1904; Dorothy Aileen, born June 7, 1911. These children were all born on the Hill farm in Malaka township, which consists of two hundred thirty and forty-eight hundredths acres, on which are two sets of improvements and on which stands a modern home.

Politically, Mr. Hill is a Republican. He has been township trustee for a number of years, and he has been a member of the board of education of Malaka township, and is now president of the same. His father was a township trustee for a number of years. Fraternally, Mr. Hill belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Baxter, being a charter member of the same, as well as its first noble grand. He is also a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of Baxter, and the Yeoman Lodge No. 432.

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#### FREDERICK A. KANNE.

The career of Frederick A. Kanne, one of the leading agriculturists and stock men of Malaka township, Jasper county, has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he has ever conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity. His devotion to the public good is unquestioned and arises from a sincere interest in his fellow men. What the world needs is such men--men of genuine worth, of unquestioned integrity and honor.

Mr. Kanne seems to possess many of the commendable traits of his sterling German ancestors, his family having been prominent in the affairs of Jasper county for many decades, and here his birth occurred, in Malaka

township, on April 24, 1870. Here he grew to manhood, received his education in the common schools and here he has continued to reside. He is the son of Henry and Louisa (Paul) Kanne, both natives of Germany, the father born on September 19, 1834, and the mother on November 17, 1840. They emigrated to America when young and settled in Jasper county, Iowa, and here became substantial and influential citizens and large land owners in Malaka township, and they spent the rest of their lives here, the father dying on October 14, 1901, and the mother on October 17, 1911. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Minnie Alleman, Levi H., Frederick A., Mrs. Louisa Krampe, Louis, Mrs. Sophia Saak, Mrs. Lydia Tinnermier, Mrs. Martha Saak.

Frederick A. Kanne, of this sketch, was married on June 10, 1897, to Mary M. Hager, who was born in Ludlow township, Allamakee county, Iowa, August 4, 1869. She is the daughter of Simon and Minnie (Krampe) Hager, both born in Germany, the father on July 7, 1835, and the mother in July, 1848. There they spent their early days and from there emigrated to America, settled in Allamakee county, Iowa, where they became well established and there the father still lives, the mother having died on May 4, 1900. Mr. Hager is active in religious matters, having been an elder in the Presbyterian church for a period of thirty years and he has been superintendent of the Sunday school for many years.

There were ten children in the Hager family, all living and named as follows: William, born February 1, 1865, lives in Waukon, Iowa; Mrs. Ida Helming, born October 18, 1867, lives in Baxter; Mary M., wife of Mr. Kanne, of this sketch; Mrs. Sophia Flage, born July 8, 1871, lives in Newton, Missouri; Mrs. Minnie Toney, born June 22, 1873, of Waukon, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah Bauercamper, born August 26, 1875, of Allamakee county; Mrs. Meta Kreiger, born October 18, 1877, of Allamakee county; Lizzie, born April 13, 1879, lives at home in Allamakee county; Mrs. Ella Ernst, wife of Rev. Ernst, was born October 11, 1885, lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. These children were born and reared in Allamakee county, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kanne two daughters have been born, Viola Dorothea, born December 25, 1901, and Dorothea Mildred Luella, born May 28, 1904. They are attending school in their home community.

Politically, Mr. Kanne is a Republican, and in religious matters he and his wife belong to the German Reformed church of Independence township.

Mr. Kanne has devoted his life to farming with very gratifying results. Upon the division of the large and valuable Kanne estate in 1912, the subject

came into possession of one hundred and sixty acres of as fine land as the township affords, well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has an attractive, commodious home, furnished with every modern convenience, and they enjoy many of life's luxuries. This family has the respect and friendship of all who know them as a result of the well ordered lives and their genial and obliging natures.

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### JESSE CROSS.

Of the honored pioneers of Jasper county none is worthier of conspicuous mention in a volume of this nature than Jesse Cross, of Independence township, for he has done his full share in the upbuilding of this section of the county, which he has ever had at heart, and his standing among his fellow men has been such as to inspire their confidence and respect. Success has attended his efforts to a larger degree than comes to the average man, but this fact is not the result of the caprices of fortune, but due to his earnest, persistent efforts along honorable lines.

Mr. Cross, like many of our best citizens, hails from the old Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, February 20, 1846, the son of Benjamin Duncan Cross and Lydia (Sills) Cross. The father, born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1816, died in Jasper county, Iowa, October 13, 1907; the mother's birth occurred in Monroe county, Ohio, in 1816, and she died in Jasper county, Iowa, on February 27, 1908. Their family consisted of eight children, the older of whom was born in Ohio, the younger in Iowa. They are, Emma, who died when a year old; Mary died at the age of thirteen; Jesse, of this review; Samuel lives in Baxter, this county; George is a resident of Woonsocket, South Dakota; Benjamin, of Banner county, Nebraska; Philip lives in this county; John W. also lives in Banner county, Nebraska.

Jesse Cross was eleven years old when he accompanied his parents to this county, in the fall of 1857. The family came by boat on the Ohio river, thence up the Mississippi river to Keokuk, and from there overland by ox team to Jasper county, there being no railroads in the state at that time, and the country was uninhabited and sparsely settled, the principal trading posts for the central part being Keokuk, later Iowa City, so the Crosses began life here as typical pioneers, undergoing the hardships ordinarily met with by those who pushed the frontier of civilization farther west. But they found here a rich soil and a climate suitable to general agricultural purposes and they knew that in time they would be comfortably situated, which proved to be the case, for

they worked hard and managed well and became influential in the affairs of this part of the county.

Jesse Cross grew up on the home farm and did much hard work on the same getting it into shape for the family home. On October 13, 1877, he was united in marriage with Mary M. Dawson, who was born in Story county, Iowa, August 27, 1856, and there she grew to womanhood. She is the daughter of Cyrus P. and Frances (Bonberger) Dawson, both natives of Hancock county, Ohio, the father born on August 26, 1834, and his death occurred in Des Moines thirty-five years ago; the mother was born on March 31, 1831, and she is living with her son in Independence township, this county. This family consisted of one son and five daughters, namely: Isaac D. Dawson, born March 21, 1867, lives in this township; Mary M., wife of Mr. Cross; Mrs. Martha Loness, born February 27, 1859, is deceased; Mrs. Jemima Cross, born June 28, 1861, lives in Woonsocket, South Dakota; Mrs. Rebecca E. Cross, born November 9, 1863, lives in Madison county, Iowa. Two daughters of the Dawson family married two of the Cross brothers, and one married a cousin.

Eight children have been born to Jesse Cross and wife, all living, the eldest born in Hamilton county, Iowa, the younger ones in Independence township, this county, namely: Dwight B., born July 7, 1878, lives in this township; Mrs. Abbie R. Iske, born April 8, 1880, lives in Sherman township, this county; Charles M., born March 29, 1882, lives in South Dakota; Samuel O., born May 18, 1884, also lives in South Dakota; Almond R., born June 1, 1886, is living at home; Inez May, born September 3, 1888, lives in Independence township; Ruth, born November 7, 1890, and Joseph, born July 14, are both at home..

Mr. Cross has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and he is the owner of one of the choicest farms of Independence township, consisting of four hundred and eighty acres, which he has brought up to a high state of development, and on which there are two substantial sets of buildings, in fact, everything to make a desirable farm. He is also the owner of seven hundred and sixty acres of valuable and desirably located land in South Dakota. Mr. Cross has a modern, well furnished and attractive home, and he is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished in view of the fact that he started with nothing and has made what he has unaided. He has laid by a comfortable competency and is regarded as one of the representative citizens of Jasper county. In politics he is independent, and has long taken an abiding interest in local affairs. He has been trustee of his township, road supervisor, assessor, treasurer of the board of education and a member of the same, filling these offices in a most faithful manner.

## O. J. TURNER.

The student interested in the history of Jasper county does not have to carry his investigations far into its annals before learning that O. J. Turner has long been an active and leading representative of its great agricultural interests and that his labors have proven a potent force in making this a rich farming region. Through several decades he has carried on diversified farming and stock raising, gradually improving his valuable land, and while he has prospered in this he has also found ample opportunity to assist in the material development of the county, and his co-operation has been of value for the general good. He is one of the honored veterans of the Union army who, when the tocsin of war sounded in the nation's crisis, uncomplainingly went forth to defend with his life, if need be, the honor of the old flag. His career in every respect has been one of commendation and is well worth study and emulation by the youth whose fortunes are yet matters for future years to determine.

Mr. Turner is the scion of a sterling old Kentucky family and many of the winning characteristics of the noble families of the "land of the dark and bloody ground" seem to have descended, like Elijah's mantle, on the subject, and have rendered him popular with a wide circle of acquaintances. He was born on April 23, 1840, in Wayne county, Kentucky, the son of W. C. and Eliza (Sanders) Turner, both natives of Kentucky, in which state they grew up, were educated and married. The father is of French extraction and the mother of German descent. Grandfather Sanders was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Prior to his marriage W. C. Turner was a pilot on the Cumberland, Ohio and Mississippi rivers, being very skilled as such and well-known to river men. He afterwards devoted his attention to farming, spending his life in Kentucky, where his death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-four years, his wife having died there when sixty-five years old. He was an active, public spirited and successful man, interested in politics and educational affairs. He assisted in dredging the Cumberland from its source to its mouth. His family consisted of nine children, O. J. of this review being the oldest; G. W. lives in southern Kansas; Mary is deceased; Sarah is the widow of Race Bunch and lives on the home farm in Wayne county, Kentucky; Scioto is deceased; James lives in Rock Creek township, Jasper county; Hiram lives in Wayne county, Kentucky; Ann is deceased; Augustus lives in Scottsville, Illinois.

When O. J. Turner was eighteen years old he began farming, which he continued one year, then entered Cumberland College, taking a general course.



MR. AND MRS. O. J. TURNER



In October, 1861, he gave up his prospects of a college training and enlisted in the Federal army, Company H, Twelfth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, in General Thomas' division. Almost immediately he was sent to the battlefield of Mill Springs, Kentucky, then on to the capture of Forts Donelson and Henry, then went with Buell to reinforce Grant at Shiloh. After this he participated in the battle of Corinth, also Tuscumbia. He was next in the strenuous race with Bragg to Louisville, culminating in the battle of Perryville. Later he was in the fierce engagement at Stone's river, also in the battles of Chattanooga, Knoxville and Strawberry Plains. At the latter place he re-enlisted and veteranized, being sent to Chattanooga to begin the Georgia campaign. For several days he was in the chase after Johnson, finally meeting his army in the bloody battle of Kenesaw Mountain, and in the sharp engagement at the crossing of the Chattahoochee river, and in numerous other engagements leading up to the battle of Atlanta. From there he was sent west with the Twenty-third Army Corps to watch Hood and was held as a reserve in the battle of Allatoona Pass. Here he saw a wounded woman who had been fighting in men's clothes as a Confederate soldier. They met Hood's forces at Columbia, Tennessee, after which he was in the battle at Franklin, said to be the bloodiest of the war, considering the number of men engaged. Mr. Turner's regiment was then sent with those assigned to guard Nashville, finally taking part in the great battle there. After that he was sent by rail and water to Alexandria, Virginia, and from there by ship to Fort Fisher, North Carolina, but he was not in the fight at that place. He then went to join Sherman's forces, and while on the way was in the battle of Mill Creek, North Carolina, finally joining Sherman at Goldsboro, thence he was sent to Raleigh, North Carolina, finally to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was honorably discharged.

Returning home after his gallant career as a soldier, Mr. Turner taught a term of school, then re-entered Cumberland College where he remained two years. In March, 1868, he left Kentucky and came to Kellogg, Iowa, where he taught school and farmed alternately for three years. He has continued farming very successfully ever since, in fact, has succeeded much beyond the average person as a husbandman, being now one of the county's largest land owners and substantial citizens. He has seven hundred and twenty acres of as fine land as this locality can boast, near Newton and Grinnell and he is also the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable land in Walworth county, South Dakota. Besides this he owns considerable town property in Newton, all well improved and desirable. That he has accomplished all this unaided since he came here, starting with a capital of only ten dollars, is criterion enough to

show that he is a man of superior business acumen, sound sense and mature judgment. He has kept his lands well improved and under a high state of cultivation and whatever he has turned his attention to has resulted in a large measure of success.

On November 15, 1872, Mr. Turner was united in marriage with Elizabeth A. Rice, of Wayne county, Kentucky, the daughter of E. B. and Rebecca Rice, both now deceased. This union has resulted in the birth of seven children, five of whom are living, two dying in infancy; E. O. lives at Turner, Jasper county; G. W. lives on his father's South Dakota land; Lulu is the wife of H. V. Clutter, of Arkansas county, Arkansas; L. R. is a doctor in Humboldt, Iowa; E. S. is at home and is attending school. The son, E. W., is a noted wrestler and was at one time champion of South Dakota. E. S. is an all-around athlete with many medals for records. He is a great sprinter. In his younger days the father, O. J., was a runner and wrestler of local reputation.

Mr. Turner is a very prominent and influential man in this section of the state, widely known and highly respected by all classes. He has always taken an active interest in politics and public affairs. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, of which he is a deacon at present and a very liberal supporter. Politically, he votes independently, preferring to cast his ballot for the best men. He is a member of Kellogg Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

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#### JOHN H. CRAWFORD.

A history of the loyal native sons and representative citizens of Jasper county would not be complete should the name that heads this review be omitted. During a useful and successful life in his home community he has labored diligently, not only to promote the interests of himself and family, but also those of the general public, being one of those neighborly, altruistic, generous-hearted men whom to know is to admire and respect. He has been devoted to the public welfare and in all his relations one of his ambitions has been to benefit the community and to advance its standard of citizenship. Personally, he is a man of pleasing address, approachable, unassuming and the number of his friends are as the limits of his acquaintance, for the people know that all enterprises and movements for the public good find in him a zealous friend and a liberal patron. It is to such men that this locality owes its rise from the primeval prairies to one of the choice agricultural sections of the Hawkeye state.

John H. Crawford, of Ira, Jasper county, was born in Poweshiek township, this county, on November 12, 1867, and here he grew to manhood on the old home place, where he worked when a boy in the summer time, and during the winter months attended the common schools in his neighborhood, and here he has spent his life successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is the son of James B. and Eliza L. (Walters) Crawford, both natives of Ohio, where they grew to maturity and were married, and comparatively early in life emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, when the country was new, and here got a good piece of land, which they developed into an excellent farm and on which they established a comfortable home. In this county they spent the balance of their lives, the father dying on December 6, 1888, at the age of seventy-two years, the mother's death occurring on March 19, 1893, at the same age.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Crawford, named as follows: Mrs. Hannah Tramel; Mrs. Jane Baker, deceased; Henry W., who lives at Lake City, Iowa; John H., of this review; and two others.

John H. Crawford was first married to Clara Crawford, a daughter of W. J. Crawford, a complete sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Her death occurred on April 1, 1904, leaving three daughters, two of whom survive, namely: Florence, born October 24, 1894; Jennie, born August 16, 1896; Hazel, born August 24, 1898, died August 27, 1907. The two living daughters are now attending high school in Baxter.

On January 23, 1907, Mr. Crawford was again married, his last wife being known in her maidenhood as Lydia M. Cross, who was born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, on January 26, 1881, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education in the common schools. Mrs. Crawford is the daughter of Samuel W. and Melissa (Hefner) Cross, who are now residing in Baxter, this county. There were eight children in the Cross family, seven of whom are living at this writing. To Mr. Crawford and his second wife one child, a son, has been born, bearing the manly old name, John Henry, the date of his birth being July 9, 1910.

Politically, Mr. Crawford is a Republican, and while he is interested in public affairs, he has not been a seeker after the emoluments of office.

Devoting his life to general farming and stock raising, Mr. Crawford has, through perseverance and good management, accumulated a competency. He was the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty-eight acres in Poweshiek township, which he placed under high grade improvements, and on which is a modern, nicely furnished home. This place was sold to Perry Baker in October, 1911. Mr. Crawford is the owner of five and one-third acres of valuable land in the outskirts of the town of Ira.

## FRANK LONG.

Among those men of sterling attributes of character who have impressed their personality upon the community of their residence and have borne their full share in the upbuilding and general development of Jasper county, mention must not be omitted of Frank Long, one of the progressive farmers and stock men of Independence township, where he has long maintained his home and where he has exerted a strong influence for good to the entire community, being a man of upright principles and desirous to see the advancement of the county along material, civic and moral lines.

Mr. Long has, with the exception of four years spent in Hamilton county, Iowa, and one summer in South Dakota, spent most of his life in Jasper county, having come here with his parents in 1867. He was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, March 29, 1862. He is the son of John and Lucy (Smith) Long, both natives of Canada, the father born March 29, 1825, and his death occurred on March 30, 1907, the mother having died in February, 1868. The father was twice married. The parents of the subject came to Iowa fifty-five years ago when the state was just beginning to be developed in a general way. Six sons were born to John Long and his first wife, namely: George, of Clear Creek township, was born April 3, 1855; Charles, born November 15, 1856, is living in Walla Walla, Washington; John W., born March 7, 1860, lives in Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa; Frank, of this sketch; Wilson, born in 1864, is living in Idaho; Albert, born in April, 1869, lives in Des Moines, Iowa. The following children were born of John Long's second union: Bessie, Josie, Amanda, Bert, Alonzo and Jonah.

Frank Long, of this review, was married on December 3, 1881, to Mary Alice Deeter, who was born in Story county, Iowa, December 27, 1868, and there she grew to womanhood and was educated. She was the daughter of Sydney C. and Sarah H. (Runyon) Deeter, both born in Ohio; the father, born on September 17, 1844, is living in Washington, and the mother makes her home in Idaho. Eleven children were born to them, three of whom are deceased; they were named as follows: Lucy Long lives in Idaho; Mrs. Frank Long, of this sketch; Eliza died in infancy; William lives in Idaho, as does also Loyal J.; Milo lives in Washington; Arthur Glenn lives in Idaho; Leo Don died in infancy; Arminta Clarke lives in North Dakota; Lee lives in Idaho. These children were born in Story county, Iowa, except the two younger, who were born in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long four children have been born, namely: Ada Sego, born October 5, 1886, is living in Independence township, this county; Arthur, born December 26, 1890, is living in Des Moines; Grace Muriel, born August 5, 1895; Cleo Fern, born January 27, 1897. These children were all born in Jasper county.

Mr. Long has worked hard, managed well and as a result he has become well established in a material way, being the owner of a finely improved farmstead of one hundred and eighty acres in Independence township, and here he carries on general farming and stock raising in a manner that stamps him as being fully abreast of the times. He has a pleasant and modernly furnished home and large, convenient outbuildings. He is liberal, yet properly conservative, and his support may always be counted on when any laudable movement is placed on foot having as its object the general good of the community. Politically, he is a Democrat and in his fraternal relations he belongs to Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter.

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#### ALBERT D. BERRY.

Conspicuous among the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of Jasper county is the well known gentleman whose name forms the caption of this biographical review. He has made his influence felt for good in Independence township, which has long been honored by his citizenship, being a man of sterling worth whose life has been closely interwoven with the history of the community of which this volume treats and whose efforts have always been for the material advancement of the same, as well as for the social and moral welfare of his fellow men, and the well regulated life Mr. Berry has led, thereby gaining the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens, entitle him to conspicuous mention in a work of the scope of the present history.

Albert D. Berry, banker, stock man and leading agriculturist of this section of Iowa, whose residence is in Independence township, Jasper county, was born in Poweshiek township, this county, on July 10, 1861, and here he has been contented to spend his life, wisely deciding in his youth that as good, if not better opportunities existed for him here than anywhere else, and so his labors have been confined to his home country, which he has seen transformed from a wild prairie to one of the richest sections in the middle west, in which development he has played no inconspicuous part.

Mr. Berry is the son of Solomon C. and Ellen (Connor) Berry. The father, born in Illinois, is now living in New Mexico, the mother having passed away in this county in August, 1869. Their family consisted of five children, all living, namely: Albert D., of this sketch; Charles W., who was born in

October, 1862, is living near Clyde; George died in early life; Mrs. Emma Clemments is living in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Charlotte Vasey is also a resident of that township. These children were all born and reared in Jasper county.

Albert D. Berry grew to manhood and attended school in his native community, and on September 7, 1887, he was united in marriage with Delilah Deter, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, August 22, 1858, the daughter of Aaron and Henrietta (Gilbert) Deter, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew up and were married, and from there they came to Iowa and both died in Boone county. Their family consisted of eight children, namely: Julia Wiley and Thomas, both deceased; Mrs. Almeda Wiley; a daughter died in infancy; Mrs. Zellette Martin lives in South Dakota; Norman is living in Spokane, Washington; Delilah, wife of Mr. Berry, of this review; Grace lives in Spokane, Washington; William lives at Bussey, Marion county, Iowa; Sadie died when twenty-eight years of age. The three oldest of these children were born in Ohio and the younger children were born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Berry, namely: Ethel May, born July 4, 1888, is living at home; David H., born October 20, 1890, is also a member of the family circle; Daniel Curtis, born December 15, 1892, died July 29, 1898; Gladys F., born December 10, 1894; Cleo, born December 10, 1896, died July 19, 1898; Joseph Charles, born April 10, 1900. They were all born in Jasper county.

Mr. Berry has been very successful in a business way in whatever he has turned his attention to and he is today one of the substantial men of his county, enjoying a position of independence, having by perseverance, indomitable courage and unswerving industry mounted the ladder from its lowest rung. His life has been devoted for the most part to agricultural pursuits, stock raising, buying and shipping. He is the owner of three hundred and forty-two acres of as valuable and productive land as Independence township can boast. This he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation. In addition to his general operations in farming he conducts a meat market in Baxter, which has a large patronage, and he is the able and popular president of the People's State Savings Bank of Baxter, a sound and safe institution, which, under Mr. Berry's judicious management has rapidly increased in importance and volume of business. He has a beautiful and modern home, tastily and well furnished. He is a liberal, enterprising man and enjoys the fruits of his labors. He is always ready to aid in every way possible the upbuilding of his community. Politically, he is a Democrat and he is a member of the local school board.

## WILLIAM TRAMEL.

In the history of Jasper county as applying to agricultural interests, the name of William Tramel occupies a conspicuous place, for through a number of years he has been one of the representative farmers of Independence township, progressive, enterprising and persevering. Such qualities always win success, sooner or later, and to Mr. Tramel they have brought a satisfactory reward for his well directed effort, and while he has benefited himself and community in a material way he has also been an influential factor in the educational, political and moral uplift of the community favored by his residence, and at the same time won and retained the high esteem of his fellow men, by his honorable record and his unassuming demeanor.

Mr. Tramel has been content to spend his life in his native county, wisely deciding that no better locality existed for a young man to rise in the world if he was willing to put his shoulder to the wheel. His birth occurred in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on July 2, 1870, and there he grew to manhood, was educated in the public schools and he has always been identified with the agricultural interests of this community. The Tramel family has been one of the best known in this county since the pioneer days, W. A. B. Tramel, the paternal grandfather of the subject, having been one of the very earliest settlers of Clear Creek township and from that period to this the several members of this family have figured in the development of this section and have led such exemplary lives as to be a credit to the same. The parents, Joseph and Cynthia (Leonard) Tramel, were widely known here, having become well established through their industry. They are both now deceased, the father having passed away in Portland, Oregon, at the age of sixty-five, and the mother was called to her rest in Des Moines, Iowa, when sixty-three years old. Their family consisted of four children, of whom William, of this sketch, was the eldest; Stella Whitehead lives in Poweshiek township; Walter C. lives in Clear Creek township; Bertha Allspaugh lives in Boulder, Colorado.

William Tramel was married on October 25, 1898, to Blanche Dodd, who was born in Clear Creek township, December 25, 1879, the daughter of Samuel and Maggie (Thompson) Dodd. The father, who was born near Newton, is residing in Clear Creek township, having a good farm there. There were four children in the Dodd family, as follows: Blanche, who married Mr. Tramel, of this sketch; Maude Kenyon is deceased; Leo is living in Clear Creek township; Chloe is living with her parents on the old home place.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tramel have been born four children, namely: Helen, born November 30, 1899; John, born February 5, 1901; Samuel, born February 25, 1903; William, Jr., born May 30, 1908. These children were all born in Jasper county.

Mr. Tramel has been very successful as a general farmer and stock man and has accumulated a competency. He operated for a number of years one of the finest farms in the county, which consisted of one hundred and twenty acres in Independence township, but this he recently disposed of. He has a commodious and well furnished home at Ira. He is one of the county's most successful young business men. The major part of his income was derived from the extensive handling of live stock of all kinds, which he raised, and he has bought and sold many head of horses annually. He formerly shipped them to market by the carloads, but he confines himself at present to local exchange. No better judge of a horse could be found in the county than he and he has always been a great admirer of a good saddler, trotter or draft horse.

Politically, Mr. Tramel votes independently. Fraternally, he is a member of Unity Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Baxter; he is a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America of Ira.

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#### GEORGE A. SMALL.

Those who belong to the respectable middle classes of society, being early taught the necessity of relying upon their own exertions, will be more apt to acquire that information and those business habits which alone can fit them for the discharge of life's duties, and, indeed, it has long been a noticeable fact that our great men in nearly all walks of life in America spring from this class. The gentleman whose life history we herewith delineate is a worthy representative of the class from which the true noblemen of the republic spring, and while he has never achieved wide notoriety, or, indeed, cared for the admiring plaudits of his fellow men, he has played well his part as a citizen and done much for the localities where he has lived.

George A. Small, the genial and popular proprietor of the Commercial hotel at Baxter, Iowa, hails from the "dark and bloody ground country," his birth having occurred in Jefferson county, Kentucky, September 27, 1849, and he was quite young when his parents, who were pioneers of that state, left there and moved to Macoupin county, Illinois, being among the early set-

ters there : they began farming and the subject assisted in developing the same, helped build the rail fence that surrounded it and there became acquainted with hard manual labor. There the family lived until the fall of 1870, when they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, locating about two and one half miles west of Monroe on the Prairie City road and there secured a good farm and home. The parents, George W. and Julia Ann (Clemons) Small, were both natives of Kentucky, the mother born in Jefferson county. They both died in Prairie City, Iowa. There were thirteen children in their family, namely : Ella Overstreet, deceased; George A., of this review; James C., residence unknown; Richard L., deceased; E. S., deceased; Edwin E. lives in Dallas county, Iowa; William is deceased; Forney lives in St. Paul, Minnesota ; the others died in infancy.

In May, 1871, George A. Small was united in marriage with Laura J. Meek, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, in 1850, and whose death occurred in April, 1876. There were two children born to this union, namely : Mattie Zella Clutter, born May 17, 1872, is living at home ; after completing the common school work she was graduated from the Omaha high school, and she taught school a number of years very successfully. The youngest child died in infancy.

Mr. Small was again married at Newton, Iowa, on September 12, 1883, to Emma Flock, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, February 15, 1859, the daughter of John and Catharine (Haymond) Flock, the father a native of New Jersey, who emigrated first to Ohio, then to Iowa, dying in Jasper county ; the mother was a native of Maryland ; they came to Jasper county about sixty years ago. Their family consisted of the following children : Charles Flock ; Emma, wife of Mr. Small, of this review ; Lena died about fifteen years ago ; Catharine Sewell lives in Clear Creek township, this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Small two daughters have been born, also one son, namely : Verda Rey Hopson, born September 20, 1885, married September 24, 1903, residing in Des Moines ; John A., born November 8, 1888, attended the common schools, was employed about three years as telegraph operator for the Chicago Great Western Railway, and he is now operator at Baxter ; Gertrude Leona, born April 18, 1891, is now Mrs. James McKinzie, and lives in Baxter. These children were born and reared in Jasper county.

From 1871 to 1876 the family resided near Monroe, thence moved to Prairie City, where the first Mrs. Small's death occurred. Mr. Small moved to Colfax and engaged in various business enterprises and traveled extensively. After his second marriage he engaged in farming until 1891, then conducted a restaurant in Colfax. In 1902 he purchased the restaurant at Baxter, which

he sold in 1909 and bought the Commercial hotel here, which he is still conducting, his son, John, managing the restaurant. His aim is to make this one of the best hotels in every respect in central Iowa. It has been entirely refitted and is now first class in every respect, and, being convenient to both the business district and the depot, it is popular with the traveling public. Guests find in Mr. Small a genial, obliging and courteous gentleman who spares no pains in making them comfortable and his trade is rapidly increasing.

Politically, Mr. Small is a Democrat and Mrs. Small belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Small and his son, John, are members of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias. The former was at one time a member of the Knights of Honor at Colfax.

Like his father, John Small is popular and well liked wherever he is known and he is proving to be a successful business man.

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#### LEE SIGNS.

Although no section of the great Hawkeye state is richer in opportunities or offers greater advantages to its citizens than does Jasper county, success is not here to be obtained through desire alone, but is to be persistently worked for, there being various obstacles to be overcome just as in every country, so the idler or dreamer knows nothing of the rich rewards that come to the toilers in the locality of which this history deals. Lee Signs, of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, is evidently entitled to rank with that class of hard-working citizens who prefer to follow the old maxim of go it alone, rather than depend upon others to contribute to his support and progress. Having spent his entire life in this township, it is evident that he has preferred to remain at home rather than seek some mythical "better country," and here he has not only reaped the fruitage of a well directed energy, but has so ordered his course in all the relations of life as to command the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

As intimated, Mr. Signs was born in this township, on the farm where he now resides, August 4, 1869, and here he received his education and early in life turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He is the son of James and Sarah (Kintz) Signs, the father born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 18, 1831, and he is residing with his son Lee on the old home place, he having come to Iowa in 1854 and settled in Clear Creek township, this county, in 1857. The mother of the subject was born in Summit county, Ohio, and her death occurred on October 23, 1903. Their family consisted of four sons

and one daughter, as follows: J. Emery, born March 1, 1859, is living in Clear Creek township; Mrs. John W. Long lives in Eden township, Marshall county; Charles C., born January 8, 1862, lives in Olathe, Kansas; John, born February 14, 1864, lives at Collins, Story county, and Lee, of this review.

Mr. Signs, of this review, was married on March 15, 1892, to Clara Wiley, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, February 12, 1872. Her mother having died when she was quite young, she was taken into the home of William Parker, of Collins, and was reared and educated there. She is the daughter of James and Julia (Deeter) Wiley, the father born in Indiana, March 13, 1845, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio, and she died in April, 1880, at the age of thirty-five years. Mr. Wiley is now living in South Dakota. Their family consisted of four daughters, namely: Mary, who married John Signs, was born September 6, 1868, and is residing at Collins, Iowa; Clara, wife of Mr. Signs, of this review; Mrs. Belle Dodd, born February 12, 1874, lives in Collins township, Story county, Iowa; Mrs. Gertie Ferguson, born August 11, 1876, is living at Lowery City, Missouri. These children were all born in Clear Creek township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Signs have been born three daughters and one son, namely: Coral, born December 12, 1893, lives at home; Gladys died in infancy; Floyd, born April 20, 1895; Mildred, born June 6, 1905. These children were all born on the farm where lives their father and grandfather.

Politically, Mr. Signs is independent and, fraternally, he belongs to Mingo Lodge No. 174, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; also Indian Creek Camp No. 1180, Modern Woodmen of America, at Mingo. He has been a member of the school board for a number of years.

Mr. Signs is tilling the one hundred and sixty acres of the home place and he also owns sixty acres, near his residence. He keeps his land well improved and well cultivated, as did his worthy father when he was an active farmer.

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#### ARTHUR W. JEFFRIES.

One of the most enterprising of our younger generation of business men is Arthur W. Jeffries, the present efficient postmaster at Ira, Independence township, and a member of one of the leading families of Jasper county, members of which have done much for the general upbuilding of the same along all lines. He seems to have inherited many of the winning characteristics of his sterling ancestors, who are remembered as people who refused to be thwarted.

in their life course by untoward circumstances and who at the same time they were laboring for their individual advancement, never neglected their duties to their neighbors. They have always stood high in the communities where they have sought to establish their homes and engage in their chosen vocations, which have embraced many lines of endeavor; merchandising, general agriculture and stock raising, however, have been their chief attractions for a livelihood. They have been not only neighborly and hospitable, but also public spirited.

Mr. Jeffries was born in Independence township, this county, on November 28, 1881. He is the son of Hiram A. and Barbara (Witmer) Jeffries, the father born in this township on March 10, 1857, and the mother in Pennsylvania on July 27, 1860. From there she came to Jasper county, Iowa, in early life, and here met and married Mr. Jeffries, who had grown to manhood here, being the son of an early family of Jasper county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hiram A. Jeffries four children were born, three of whom are living, named as follows: Arthur W., of this sketch, is the eldest; Vera B., born March 1, 1884, at present instructor in domestic science in the public schools at Lake City, Iowa; Maude, born October 16, 1885, died March 14, 1901; Nellie, born February 9, 1894, is attending high school in Des Moines. These children were born and reared in Independence township. Their parents, after spending many years in Jasper county, where the father was engaged for the most part in the mercantile business, have moved to Des Moines, and are residing at University Place, a very desirable residence section of the capital city.

Arthur W. Jeffries grew to manhood in his native township and here he attended the common schools, and also Park College in Des Moines for a short time. With the exception of eight years, he has spent his life in Jasper county. For a great many years he was associated with his father in the general merchandise business at Ira, also the hardware and implement business, besides the poultry and butcher business, in all of which he made a success, enjoying a liberal patronage with the surrounding country. In 1911 he was elected postmaster at Ira, the duties of which he continues to discharge with a fidelity that meets the hearty approval of the people and the department.

Mr. Jeffries was married on December 10, 1902, to Daisy M. Cross, who was born in Independence township, this county, where she grew to womanhood and received her education in the public schools. Her birth occurred on April 26, 1883. She is the daughter of Samuel W. and Melissa (Hefner) Cross, who are now residing in Baxter where they have a pleasant home. There were eight children in the Cross family, seven of whom are living at this writing.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries one daughter and one son have been born, namely: Gladys Ethel, born February 7, 1904, and Dennis Delbert, born November 26, 1905. They are both attending the public schools at Ira.

Politically, Mr. Jeffries is a Republican and he takes much interest in local public affairs. He is a member of the Yeoman lodge at Ira. He has a cozy, well furnished home in Ira, and he is the owner of thirty acres of fertile, well improved land in Independence township. He and his wife are pleasant young people and are popular with the various circles of the community.

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#### FRANKLIN G. LOGSDON.

Independence township, Jasper county, has no more progressive or public-spirited citizen than Franklin G. Logsdon, a man who merits the confidence that is reposed in him by all who know him owing to his life of industry and uprightness. He is first and primarily an agriculturist, owning one of the choice farms of the community at Ira, which he has successfully operated for many years, but at present he is engaged in the free rural mail delivery, in which he is giving both the people and the department eminent satisfaction.

Mr. Logsdon was born in Independence township, this county, on June 14, 1873, and here he grew to manhood and received his education and with the exception of four years spent in Crawford county, Iowa, he has been a continuous resident here. He is the son of Benjamin Franklin Logsdon and Celia Jane Logsdon, the father a native of Kentucky, and they reside at present in Marshalltown, Iowa.

There were nine children in the Logsdon family, six of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, named as follows: H. W. lives in Crawford county, Iowa; Mrs. Mary A. Rees died in May, 1904; Franklin G., of this sketch; Charles S. lives in Jasper county; Mrs. Luella J. Sissel lives at Bondurant; Mrs. Jessie Maudie Kienzle, of Garwin, Iowa; three children died in infancy.

Franklin G. Logsdon was married on September 16, 1896, to Alice B. Cross, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, September 26, 1877; here she grew to womanhood, was educated and has always resided. She is the daughter of Samuel W. and Melissa (Hefner) Cross, both of whom live in Baxter. There were eight children in the Cross family, seven of whom are living at this writing.

To Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon have been born five children, three of whom are living, namely: S. B., born July 10, 1897, died October 26th of the same year; Doris L., born October 25, 1900, died May 1, 1907; Claude, born January 6, 1903; Blanche, born February 18, 1907; Maude, born September 19, 1909.

Mr. Logsdon conducted a butcher shop two years in Baxter and for an equal length of time in Ira. On April 1, 1904, he received the appointment as rural mail carrier on route 1, at Ira, this county, and he has continued to discharge the duties of the same to the present time. The farm which he and his wife own consists of one hundred and five acres in Independence township, is well improved and kept under a good state of cultivation, and they have a modern home in every respect. Politically, Mr. Logsdon is a Republican. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, Ira Camp No. 5660, at Ira, and he affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### FRANK CURTIS COOL

One of the substantial native sons of Jasper county who has been content to spend his life in his native community is Frank Curtis Cool, a worthy representative of one of our best pioneer families. By close application he established those habits of industry when a boy which insured his success in later years, being able to extend, from time to time, the area of cultivable land and in due time has found his feet firmly planted upon the highway of a fair measure of material success, with a good farm in his possession and many of the comforts and conveniences of life surrounding him. He has always, like his worthy father before him, been deeply interested in whatever tends to promote the prosperity of his township and county and to him as much as any of the men in his community are we indebted for the excellent improvements for which this section has long been noted. He has also, like his progenitors, used his influence in behalf of all moral and benevolent enterprises, being a friend and liberal patron of the church, believing, as do most fair-minded men, that it is the most potential factor for substantial good the world has ever known or ever will know.

Mr. Cool was born in Adamson's Grove, Jasper county, Iowa, on May 16, 1862, and here he grew to manhood, worked on the home farm during his boyhood and received a meager education in the common schools. He is the son of Abraham and Sarah (Robbins) Cool, one of the earliest families

of this county, having settled here in 1855. They were both born in Pennsylvania, in which state they grew to maturity and were married, emigrating to this section of Iowa in the early days, here enduring the privations and hardships incident to life in a wild, undeveloped country. But they were people of sterling mettle and in due course of time they had established a good home and had an excellent farm under cultivation and here they reared their children and spent the balance of their lives, the father dying on January 9, 1869, and here the mother passed away on July 16, 1883.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Cool, named as follows: Mrs. Hulda Thompson, living in Hebron, Nebraska; Mrs. Almeda Dee died in 1900; William, born in 1851, lives in Reno, Nevada; Melville J., who was born in Beaver Meadows, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1854, is living in Baxter, Iowa, and runs a hotel; Frank Curtis, of this sketch; Josephus and Josephine, twin sisters, died when six months old; Charles Woodward is living in Melbourne, Iowa. The four younger children were born in Clear Creek township.

Frank C. Cool, of this sketch, was married on September 21, 1884, to Dora Davis, who was born in Polk county, Iowa, on February 15, 1866, and there she grew to womanhood and received her education. Her parents, Oliver Perry Davis and Sarah (Graybel) Davis, were early settlers of Polk county, this state, and there they became well known. The father was born in North Carolina, but emigrated to Iowa in early youth, and he enlisted for service in the Civil war from this county, at Des Moines. He was mustered in at Council Bluffs, as a member of the Second Iowa Battery, and after faithful service and undergoing the usual hardships of a soldier he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home in Iowa in August, 1864. He spent the latter years of his life in Jasper county and died here. His wife, who was a native of Indiana, is living at Toledo, Iowa.

There were three children in the Davis family, two of whom are living, Dora, wife of Mr. Cool, of this sketch, being the eldest; a son died in infancy; the youngest child, John Logan Davis, born on October 22, 1870, lives in Des Moines. This family was reared in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cool have been born three children, named as follows: Oliver Guy, born in Story county, Iowa, July 7, 1887, was graduated from the Baxter high school on May 24, 1907, and he has been successfully engaged in school teaching for the past few years; Perry J., born April 21, 1895, is a junior in the Baxter high school at this writing; Sarah, born November 13, 1906. Although Mr. Cool was denied extensive advantages of education, he is giving his children every chance in this direction.

Mr. Cool has been engaged in agricultural pursuits since early boyhood and has met with singular success, unaided as he has been, being now the owner of a well improved, productive and desirable farm of one hundred and forty acres in Independence township, Jasper county. In connection with general farming he raises considerable live stock, keeping a number of registered short-horn cattle, of such superior quality that they are admired by all who see them, and his live stock always finds a very ready market. He has a substantial home and good outbuildings.

Politically, Mr. Cool is a Democrat and, as intimated in an earlier paragraph, he supports every worthy proposition. Mrs. Cool is a member of the Congregational church at Baxter. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Baxter Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, both at Baxter.

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#### JOHN S. PAUL.

To a great extent the prosperity of the agricultural sections of Iowa is due to the honest industry, the sturdy perseverance and the wise economy which so prominently characterizes the foreign element that has entered so largely into our population. By comparison with the surroundings in the native land, these emigrants have been quick to realize and grasp the greatest opportunities for the man who has the grit, fortitude and stick-to-itiveness. And because of this a very large number of sons of old Erin have severed home ties, shaken the dust of the "auld sod" from off their feet and sailed for the new republic of the mighty West, here sought and found a haven of rest, found themselves, in due course of time, the possessors of good homes and among our worthy citizens, respecting our laws, upholding our institutions, and protecting our flag. Among this class may be mentioned John S. Paul, a farmer of Mariposa township, Jasper county, who by reason of years of indefatigable labor and honest effort, has not only acquired a well-merited material prosperity, but also richly earned the esteem of all with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Paul was born in county Antrim, Ireland, November 20, 1862. He is the son of William John Paul and Martha (Buick) Paul, both natives of county Antrim, the father born on July 10, 1832, and the mother on July 13, 1824, the latter dying at an advanced age on January 2, 1905. They grew to maturity and were married in Ireland and there became owners of a small farm, and there James Paul, paternal grandfather of the subject, became the



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owner of one hundred acres, which is a large amount of land for one not an English lord of lands to own in that country. It was in 1866 that the father of the subject and his family emigrated to the United States and located in Scott county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres and there he continued to reside five years, then moved to the farm of one hundred and sixty acres where his son, John S., of this review, now resides, in Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa. The father became well fixed here, owning a good farm and he was an extensive cattle feeder in his day. Prospering by hard work and good management, he added to his original purchase until he owned nine hundred acres of valuable land in Hickory Grove and Mariposa townships. He was long regarded as one of the substantial and public-spirited men of the county and he was influential in public affairs. He was a Republican and he served as township trustee for some time. Religiously, he belonged to the Presbyterian church. In 1888 he left his home place and moved to Hickory Grove township on a farm, remaining there seven years, then moved to Gilman, Iowa, and retired, living at that place for a period of seven years, having accumulated a competency and enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil. After the death of his wife he went to live with a daughter in Hickory Grove township. His death occurred on April 8, 1910, after an honored and successful career.

William J. Paul and wife were married on February 20, 1852, and to this union two sons and four daughters were born, named in order of birth as follows: Mrs. Matilda Parker, who lives in Hickory Grove township; James; Mrs. Nancy Clark, of Jefferson county, Nebraska; John S., of this review; Mrs. Margaret Jane McIlrath lives in Tama county, Iowa; Mary died when fifteen months old.

John S. Paul was four years old when he accompanied his parents to America and he grew up and was educated in the schools of Iowa, attending district school No. 1, Mariposa township, Jasper county. He was but a small lad when he began helping his father on the home place, having begun herding cattle when he was seven years old; in fact, he spent the major part of several years on the open prairie about the homestead. When twenty-four years of age he began renting one of his father's farms. Then he purchased eighty acres of his father. To this he continued to add land from time to time until he became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres in sections 1 and 2, Mariposa township. He has placed his land under a high state of improvement and cultivation and here has met with a large measure of success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He pays much attention to the raising of

full blooded shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses, and he feeds annually a few car loads of hogs and cattle. In 1910 he built what is generally conceded to be the finest residence in Mariposa township. It is modern in every appointment, attractive, convenient and commodious and is neatly furnished. He has substantial outbuildings and up-to-date farming machinery, in fact, everything about his place indicates thrift, prosperity and good management. He has kept well abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to modern agriculture and stock raising.

Politically, Mr. Paul is a Democrat and manifests considerable interest in public affairs. He is at present very worthily discharging the duties of township trustee. In religious matters he is a member and liberal supporter of the Presbyterian church.

On April 21, 1886, was performed the ceremony which united in marriage John S. Paul and Mary Jane Green, a lady of many praiseworthy personal traits. She was born in Hickory Grove township, this county, on August 12, 1867, and she is the daughter of William Monzo and Catherine (Taylor) Green, a highly respected and influential early family of this county. Here Mrs. Paul grew to womanhood and received her education.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul, named as follows: Ralph Edwin, born July 10, 1887; Harvey John, born April 7, 1889; Seymour Roseoe, born April 5, 1891; Roy Leslie, born June 16, 1892; Elmer Elgin, born July 29, 1894; George Warren, born July 13, 1896; Marion Harlow, born November 9, 1899; Perry Donald, born February 17, 1902; Myron Hazen, born January 30, 1904; Mary Evelyn, born March 3, 1907.

Personally Mr. Paul is a pleasant gentleman to know, genial, hospitable and honorable in all the relations of life.

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#### ADOLPH GEISE.

Scientific methods of farming disseminated through the medium of the agricultural schools throughout the country have come as a great blessing to those pursuing agricultural callings. Yet the farmers of a generation or two ago had no such advantages. They had to depend upon their own judgment, their own foresightedness, their own intuition, as it were, to overcome many a perplexing agricultural problem. Their success was more often than not almost phenomenal; and we can pardon them if they look askance upon our newer methods. One of the progressive farmers of Malaka township, Jasper county, is Adolph Geise, who never attended an agricultural school for the

purpose of learning "intense" farming, but he has always farmed scientifically nevertheless, being a close observer, and his well cultivated land today shows that his efforts did not go unrewarded.

Mr. Geise was born in Malaka township, this county, on the farm where he still resides on March 26, 1860, and here he grew to manhood, received his education in the public schools and has always been identified with agricultural pursuits. He is the son of Henry and Louisa (Wagner) Geise, both natives of Germany, the father born in 1832 and the mother in 1833; there they grew up, were married and from there emigrated to America and located in Jasper county in an early day, residing in Newton the first two years and here they became well established, owning a good farm in Malaka township. The mother died in Baxter in 1903, at the age of seventy years, and there the father's death occurred in January, 1907. Their family consisted of six children, namely: Mrs. Etta Shirk, who lives in Iowa City; Henry A., vice-president of the State Savings Bank of Baxter; Fred also lives in Baxter; Adolph, of this sketch; Mrs. Minnie Diehl lives in Baxter; Edward lives in Newton.

Adolph Geise was married on September 20, 1892, to Pearlina Harre, who was born in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, October 3, 1864. She is the daughter of Fred and Wilhelmina (Mierkort) Harre; the father, a pioneer of Jasper county, is now deceased, but the mother is living in Baxter. There were eight children in the Harre family, all living, namely: Mrs. Kracht, of Baxter; Fred lives near Kearney, Nebraska; Pearlina, wife of Mr. Geise, of this sketch; Otto lives in Marshall county; Albert is agent for the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company at Waverly, Iowa; Mrs. Mattie Kanne lives in Malaka township; Clara, wife of Fred Hager, president of the State Savings Bank of Baxter; William lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Geise one daughter has been born, Delia Martha, whose birth occurred on September 20, 1894; she has received a good education, having completed her work in the German parochial schools of Independence township.

Mr. Geise is the owner of a well kept and well tilled farm of one hundred and twenty acres in sections 20 and 21, Malaka township, and here he carries on general farming and stock raising in a most successful manner, and he has a modern home and good outbuildings. He has secured a competency through his close application and good management.

Politically, Mr. Geise is a Republican, and he has been a member of the school board of Malaka township. The family are members of the German Reformed church of Independence township, and stand high in the congregation of the same.

## HERMAN SAAK, JR.

One of the enterprising young agriculturists and stock raisers of Malaka township, Jasper county, who possesses the respect and good will of all who know him and is classed with the representative men of the township in which he lives is Herman Saak, Jr. The sturdy German element in our national commonwealth has been one of the most important in furthering the substantial and normal development of this country, for it is an element signally appreciative of practical values and also of the higher intellectuality which transcribes all provincial confines. Well may any person take pride in tracing his lineage to such a source. Although the subject is an American by birth, he is only of the second generation in this country, his parents claiming the fatherland as their place of nativity, and in his life he has displayed the strongest and best traits of character of the German nation.

Mr. Saak was born in Malaka township, Jasper county, Iowa, on July 30, 1876. Here he grew to manhood, received his education in the common schools and has always followed agricultural pursuits in his home community.

Mr. Saak is the son of Herman, Sr., and Elnora (Reineke) Saak, both born in the province of Lippe-Detmold, Germany. There they spent their childhood days and from there emigrated to the United States, located in Jasper county, Iowa, where, through industry, economy and thrift, they became well established and are now living in their pleasant home in Baxter. They became the parents of seven children, five of whom are living, named as follows: Mrs. Minnie Wehrman died in Marshall county; Louis, born September 15, 1876, lives in Malaka township; Herman, of this sketch; Edward died in Malaka township; Mrs. Anna Tinnemier lives in Malaka township; William lives in Marshall county; Henry lives in Malaka township. These children were all born in Jasper county.

Herman Saak, Jr., was married on March 5, 1902, to Sophia Kanne, who was born in Malaka township, this county, on October 23, 1877, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. She is the daughter of Henry and Louisa (Paul) Kanne, natives of Germany, the father born on September 19, 1834, and the mother on November 17, 1840; they came to America in early life and located in Jasper county, where they became one of the foremost families, owning a large body of valuable land and for many years farming on an extensive scale, and here they spent the balance of their days, the father dying on October 14, 1901, and the mother on October 17, 1911. They were among the early arrivals in Malaka township and before

there were many permanent settlers in this locality. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Minnie Alleman, Levi H., Frederick A., Mrs. Louisa Krampe, Louis; Sophia, who is the wife of our subject; Mrs. Lydia Tinnermier, Mrs. Martha Saak.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saak has been born one daughter, Florence Leona, whose birth occurred in Marshall county on January 27, 1907.

Politically, Mr. Saak is independent, preferring to vote for the man who, in his estimation, is best qualified for the office sought, rather than for the party. He and his family are members of the German Reformed church of Independence township and faithful in their support of the same.

Mr. Saak has been very successful as a general farmer and stock man and he is the owner of a valuable, fertile and well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Malaka township, one of the choice farms of his community. He believes in raising a good grade of live stock and, through his enterprise and close application, he has secured a competency. He has a commodious, modern and well furnished home and is well established.

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#### SAMUEL P. DODD.

One of the sterling individuals who has contributed largely to the material welfare of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, is Samuel P. Dodd, who has come down to us from the pioneer days, he having spent his life in this locality. Public spirited as a citizen and progressive in all that the term implies, he has forged his way to the front with little aid or influence from others and at the same time has performed his just share of the work of public improvement, consequently his name well deserves a place in this history.

Mr. Dodd was born at Adamson's Grove, this county, on July 18, 1852. He is the son of Joseph and Amelia (Million) Dodd, the father born in Illinois, September 27, 1817, and the mother was born in Kentucky, November 6, 1821. They came to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1852, and settled on the wild prairie, where they developed a good farm and here they spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in the spring of 1897, his wife having preceded him to the grave on August 17, 1880. There were ten children in the Dodd family, six of whom are living, namely: Charles E., farmer of Collins township, Story county, Iowa; Sarah J., born January 9, 1843; William, born March 23, 1845, and Mrs. Amelia Stock, are all three deceased; G. W., born September 23, 1847, is living in Washington; J. H., born Febru-

ary 5, 1850, is deceased; Samuel P., of this review; Frank J. lives in Clear Creek township; Mark, born November 21, 1860, lives in Wisconsin; Fred lives in Marshall county, Iowa.

Samuel P. Dodd grew up on the home place and when he became of proper age assisted with the work, for there was plenty for all to do in bringing the raw prairie land up to a productive farm. At that time were to be seen the unbroken plains and the unscarred forests, knowing no sound save that the Indian's whoop and the wanton wail of the wild beast. There was much game. The subject can recall when deer was abundant, droves of large numbers being frequently seen going from one grove to another and wild turkeys were so abundant as to be considered almost a pest. Thither to this wild region came hundreds of poor people from the East and South, seeking homes, and these they soon found themselves in possession of, if they were willing to work. Mr. Dodd has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and has been very successful. He is now the owner of two hundred acres of choice land in Clear Creek township, which he has placed under modern improvements and on which he carries on general farming on a large scale. He has a modern, well furnished home and many goods farm buildings and he always keeps a good grade of live stock, in fact, he devotes considerable time to buying and selling stock of all kinds.

Mr. Dodd has been a member of the school board in his district and he is at present treasurer of the same. Fraternally, he belongs to Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mingo. Both he and his wife are members of the Rebekah lodge, and Mrs. Dodd belongs to the Methodist Protestant church. Politically, he is a Democrat.

On March 17, 1878, Mr. Dodd was united in marriage with Margaret Thompson, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, February 22, 1854. She is the daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Deeter) Thompson, the father born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1830; the mother's death occurred when Mrs. Dodd was an infant, and subsequently Mr. Thompson married a sister of his first wife, the second wife being known as Catherine H. Deeter. Mrs. Dodd was the only child born to the first union, but there were eleven children by the second wife, namely: Mrs. Alma McNorris, of Valley Junction, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Capron is deceased; Samuel lives at Olathe, Kansas; Mrs. Lillie Walker is deceased; Mrs. Jennie Signs, of Olathe, Kansas; Mrs. Rose Hand lives in Colo, Iowa; Mrs. Sadie Corbett lives in State Center, Iowa; John lives at Clyde, Iowa; a son died in infancy. Samuel

Thompson, the father, was ten years old when he moved to Wayne county, Ohio, and there he remained until 1851, when he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and he has made this section of the Hawkeye state his home ever since, being now a resident of Marshall county, owning a good farm of over two hundred acres in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, but he now makes his home at State Center in the former county. He was a member of the famous band of "forty-niners" who went to California in search of gold in 1849, and when the Civil war came on he enlisted in Company E, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served nearly three years in the Army of the Potomac, and he was wounded in Tennessee.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd five children have been born, three of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Blanche Tramel, born December 25, 1879, of Independence township, this county; Maud Kenyon, born November 18, 1883, died June 21, 1903; Leo, born May 7, 1887, lives in Clear Creek township; Jesse, born June 4, 1889, died in February, 1892; Chloe, born May 17, 1894, is at home. There are six grandchildren.

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#### WILLIAM F. HAMILTON, M. D.

The medical profession of Jasper county has an able and worthy representative in the person of Dr. William F. Hamilton, of Baxter, whose success while yet young in years has won him a host of warm friends and admirers in the city and county and made him widely and favorably known among the representative medical men in this part of the state. There is no class to whom greater gratitude is due from the world at large than the self-sacrificing, sympathetic, noble-minded men whose life work is the alleviation of suffering and the ministering of comfort to the afflicted, to the end that the span of human existence may be lengthened and a greater degree of satisfaction enjoyed during the remainder of their earthly sojourn. There is no standard by which their beneficent influence can be measured: their helpfulness is being limited only by the extent of their knowledge and skill, while their power goes hand in hand with the wonderful laws of nature that spring from the very source of life itself. Nineteen hundred years ago St. Paul in recording his great vision, wrote, "There shall be no more pain," and from that distant time to the present, we have been trying to realize the dream. Studying, experimenting, trying out new theories, each succeeding generation coming a little nearer the goal, a little farther along toward the city of Ease.

Dr. Hamilton was born in State Center township, Marshall county, Iowa, August 11, 1882, but he has spent most of his life in Jasper county, whither his parents brought him when he was four years of age. He is the son of William Miller Hamilton, a native of Canada, who came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1886 and here became well established and highly esteemed, and here he spent the latter years of his life, dying at Newton at the age of seventy-three years. The Doctor's mother, known in her maidenhood as Laura J. Manley, was a native of Illinois and she is now making her home in Nevada, Iowa. There were five children in the Hamilton family, all of whom are living, namely: George, who lives at Kellogg, this county; Paul lives in Jasper county; Walter lives west of Baxter; Alfred maintains his home at Grinnell; William F., of this sketch, is the youngest.

Doctor Hamilton received his primary education in the rural schools of this county, the public school of Grinnell and the academy at Newton, later completing the four years' course at the Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, after which he turned his attention to teaching, which profession he followed with much success in the public schools at Cedar Falls. Believing that the medical profession held greater opportunities for one of his inclinations, he accordingly began to prepare himself for the same, and with this end in view spent a year in Northwestern University and four years in the University of Louisville Medical School, Louisville, Kentucky, from which institution he was graduated in 1911, having made an excellent record, winning the admiration of both lecturer and colleague. Thus exceptionally well equipped for his chosen life work, he located at Baxter, Jasper county, Iowa, in the fall of the year of his graduation and here continues to practice, having a modern, well equipped office, and so far he has been very successful in all his work, winning the confidence and good will of the people of this locality, and his past success augurs for his future prominence in the medical world.

Doctor Hamilton won, in his earlier years, a world-wide reputation as an athlete, his interest being centered for the most part in foot racing, in which at one time he had no peer. In one of the meets he ran two hundred and twenty yards in twenty-one and two-fifths seconds, which became the world's record on a curved track. In the spring of 1906 he entered the western conference meet at Chicago, winning the one hundred yard and the two hundred yard dashes. In London, England, he ran on the relay team which won for America the championship of the world. He was one of the fifteen athletes who were invited to an international meet in Paris, France. There he again distinguished himself, winning the one hundred meter and the two hundred

meter dashes. He is the proud possessor of over one hundred medals, cups and prizes. In 1908 he had bestowed on him the title of "National Champion."

Doctor Hamilton is a genial, obliging, cultured young man whom it is a pleasure to meet. He is essentially a man of the times, broad and liberal in his views and has the courage of his convictions on leading public issues of the day. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought in its various lines, and being a man of scholarly tastes his acquaintance with the literature of the world is both general and profound, while his familiarity with the more practical affairs of the day makes him feel at ease with all classes and conditions of people.

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#### HENRY BYAL.

One of the leading citizens and representative farmers of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, is Henry Byal, who has spent nearly a half century here, during which time he has taken part in the development of the locality and has become well established. His has been an eminently active and useful life, but the limited space at the disposal of the biographer forbids more than a casual mention of the leading events in his career, which will suffice to show what earnest endeavor and honesty of purpose rightly applied and persistently followed will lead to—unqualified success.

Mr. Byal was born in Findlay, Hancock county, Ohio, September 16, 1860; he is the son of William and Margaret (Johnson) Byal, both natives of Ohio, where they grew up, were educated and married and there spent their early lives. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1863, here established a good home and here the mother died on December 12, 1909; the father died December 18, 1911, in California, where he was staying with his son, and is buried at the Union Chapel cemetery in Clear Creek township. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, namely: Milton, who resides in California; Henry, of this sketch; Carrie died when nineteen years of age; Maggie died at the age of twenty-two; W. J. lives in Clear Creek township, this county. The older of these children were born in Ohio and the younger in Iowa.

Henry Byal was three years of age when his parents brought him to Jasper county, Iowa, and he has been a continuous resident here since. He grew up on the home farm, where he worked when a boy, and attended the public schools in the winter time. When a young man he turned his attention to farming and has continued to till the soil to the present day, now own-

ing one hundred and thirteen acres in Clear Creek township and eighty acres in Independence township, and also one hundred and sixty acres in the vicinity of Plainview, Texas. He has kept his land under good improvements and cultivation, and has carried on general farming and stock raising in a successful manner. He has a pleasant home.

Mr. Byal was married on October 29, 1901, to Mattie Rippey, who was born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, December 3, 1869, the daughter of W. F. Rippey and wife, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

To the subject and wife seven children have been born, six of whom are living, all still members of the home circle; they are: Margaret, born June 26, 1902; Marjorie, born July 24, 1903; Madge, born December 18, 1904; a son died on the day of birth, January 27, 1906; William Denver, born April 25, 1907; Henry Stanley, born August 15, 1909; Roger, born March 21, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Byal is a Republican, and in religious matters his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter and of the chapter at Colfax; also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mingo, and he has held all the chairs in the latter.

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#### JAMES J. TRAMEL.

This biographical memoir has to do with a character of unusual force and eminence, for James J. Tramel, whose life chapter has been closed by the fate that awaits us all, was for a long lapse of years one of the prominent citizens of Jasper county, having come to this section in pioneer times, and he assisted in every way possible in bringing about the transformation of the county from the wild condition found by the first settlers to its latter day progress and improvement. While he carried on a special line of business in such a manner as to gain a comfortable competence for himself, he also belonged to that class of representative citizens who promote the public welfare while advancing individual success. There were in him sterling traits which commanded uniform confidence and regard, and his memory is today honored by all who knew him and is enshrined in the hearts of his many friends.

Mr. Tramel was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, November 28, 1842. He is the son of W. A. B. and Cynthia (Alexander) Tramel, the father born in February, 1802, in North Carolina, and the mother born in Indiana in 1804.

The family first moved to Clinton, Georgia, thence to near Richmond, Indiana, and from there to Kosciusko county, that state, and from the latter place to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, and here the parents of the subject spent the rest of their lives, the death of the father occurring in April, 1897, and that of the mother on March 3, 1878. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Eliza Ann Jeffries died in Jasper county in 1903; Mrs. Nancy Campbell, born in Indiana, on September 17, 1830, died in Independence township, this county, on March 25, 1886; Mrs. Martha Price is living in Ira; Alexander is living in Clear Creek township; Joseph M. died in East Portland, Oregon, in 1906; Mrs. Caroline Weston, born in October, 1840, lives in Ira; James J., of this sketch, is the youngest.

James J. Tramel was ten years of age when he came with his parents to Jasper county and settled in Clear Creek township, and here he grew to manhood and attended the public schools. He took up farming for a livelihood early in life and up to 1903 was one of the township's leading agriculturists, owning in Clear Creek township a well improved and fertile farm of one hundred and ninety acres. In 1903, having accumulated a competency, he and his wife retired from the active duties of life and moved to Ira, where they purchased a commodious and cozy home, and here Mr. Tramel resided quietly, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of endeavor, until summoned to close his earthly career on January 7, 1912, after a successful, useful and honorable career, being one of the sterling pioneers of the community, the family having been among the first settlers here, their arrival having been on October 10, 1852.

Mr. Tramel was married on May 21, 1868, to Hannah Crawford, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, August 30, 1849. When young in years she came to Poweshiek township, Jasper county, Iowa, with her parents, James B. and Eliza Ann (Walters) Crawford, the latter a native of Ohio. They established a good home in Jasper county and spent the rest of their lives here, the father dying in 1891 and the mother at the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of the following children: Hannah, wife of Mr. Tramel, of this sketch; Jane, deceased; Henry, who lives in Lake City, Iowa; Mary lives in Audubon county, Iowa; Nellie lives at Ira, this county; John H. lives in Ira.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tramel were born one son, Frank W., whose birth occurred on January 27, 1871, and is now residing in Clear Creek township.

James J. Tramel was one of the patriotic sons of the North who risked his life for his country during the dark days of the early sixties, having enlisted for service in the Federal army on August 22, 1862, in Company D,

Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served gallantly for three years, taking part in many trying campaigns and hard-fought battles. He was in the numerous conflicts along the Sabine river, at the siege of Vicksburg, and the battle of Port Gibson. His second captain was Myron S. Cox, now living in Oakland, California. He was honorably discharged, and was mustered out of the service at Davenport, Iowa. He then returned to Jasper county and resumed farming.

Mr. Tramel was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, E. H. Keyes Post No. 511, of Mingo, Iowa. Politically, he was a Republican, and he was active in local public affairs. He was trustee of his township for a period of nine years, and was also at one time a member of the board of education in Clear Creek township. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Ira. Personally, he was a genial, whole-souled, obliging gentleman, high minded and correct in his every-day deportment and he won and retained the confidence and esteem of all classes.

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#### FRANK E. CLEVERLEY.

The names of those men who have distinguished themselves in their communities through the possession of those qualities which daily contribute to the success of private life and to the public stability and who have enjoyed the respect and confidence of those about them, should be preserved. Such a one is Frank E. Cleverley, a progressive young farmer of Clear Creek township, Jasper county.

Mr. Cleverley was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, January 30, 1875, and the following year his parents brought him to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, which has been his residence ever since. He is the son of Jonathan and Jane (Owens) Cleverley, both born in England, the mother in Coventry: they now reside in the town of Collins, this county, the father being seventy-five years of age and the mother sixty-five. There were eight children in their family, four of whom are living, namely: Mrs. William Kimberley, of Clear Creek township; Mrs. Maria Clapper resides in Oklahoma; J. H. lives in Indian Creek township, Story county; Frank E., of this sketch. All these children were born in Allamakee county.

Frank E. Cleverley grew up on the home farm and was educated in the district schools. He was married in 1896, to Cora Maxwell, who was born near Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, March 4, 1875. She is the

daughter of Henry and Irene (Snow) Maxwell, both now residing in Clear Creek township. Their children are as follows: Alice, deceased; Oscar lives in Idaho; Mrs. Ida Galloway lives in Riceville, Iowa; Mrs. Frank E. Cleverley, of this sketch; Charles A. lives in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Carrie Owen, of Clear Creek township; Pearl lives at home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cleverley four children have been born, namely: Charles, born January 7, 1897; Orville, born June 13, 1898; Ethel, born August 7, 1900; Agnes, born December 30, 1904.

Politically, Mr. Cleverley is a Republican and he takes much interest in local affairs. He is a member of the school board.

Mr. Cleverley has followed farming and stock raising all his life and he has met with a large measure of success. He is now the owner of a well improved and well tilled farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Clear Creek township, and he has a pleasant and well furnished home, in which is to be found the best current literature and good books. He is a broad-minded, progressive gentleman who has not reached that stage where all his time is utilized in securing and hoarding the "almighty dollar" and he believes in the old adage, "Live and let live."

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#### DAVID G. TIPTON.

Standing for upright manhood and progressive citizenship, David G. Tipton, long one of Jasper county's active agriculturists who is now leading a retired life in his cozy home in Baxter, has been an influential factor not only in the material welfare of his township, but also the moral welfare of the same. He is one of the loyal "boys in blue," having fought for his country's honor in its hours of direst need in the great rebellion of the sixties. He comes of an old and highly esteemed Ohio family, the genealogy of which is traceable to an early period in the history of that commonwealth, his paternal grandfather being one of the very earliest settlers of Harrison county, Ohio, when that was a mere wilderness, the haunt of wild beasts and scarcely less wild men, and his oldest son was captured by the Indians, but effected his escape after three days of continuous travel, enduring many hardships, and finally found his way back to his people.

David G. Tipton was born in Harrison county, Ohio, August 4, 1836, the son of William Tipton, who was born, reared and died in that county, this briefly stated, being also the history of the subject's mother, who was known

in her maidenhood as Catherine Gregory. Their family consisted of ten children, one of whom died in infancy, nine growing to manhood and womanhood, named as follows: Mrs. Mary Farmer died in Kansas; Samuel died in Pennsylvania; Mrs. Eliza George died in Ohio; David G., of this review; John is living in Quaker City, Ohio; Mrs. Ann Vickers died in Ohio; Aquilla died in Ohio after he left the army; William's residence is unknown.

David G. Tipton grew up on the old homestead in Harrison county, Ohio, and there received such education as the early schools afforded. During the last year of the Civil war he served very faithfully as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. After the war he returned home to again take up the pursuit so abruptly broken by the conflict, and there he continued farming until the fall of 1867, when he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and here he has resided continuously to the present time. Here he became the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Independence township. His wife also owns fifty-six acres of good land in this township, part of the old Scott homestead, all of their land being well improved and productive. A few years ago they transferred the cares of the farm to their son, John, and purchased a pleasant home in Baxter, where they are now spending their declining years, enjoying the fruits of a well-earned competency. There is a marked contrast in the aspects of this locality now and when they arrived here forty-four years ago in an old-fashioned covered wagon, the prairies then having been improved but very little.

Mr. Tipton's wife was known in her maidenhood as Levina Jane Scott, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, March 23, 1847, and there she grew to womanhood, received her education in the old-time schools and there she and Mr. Tipton were married on November 20, 1862. She was the daughter of John G. and Isabel Jane (Smith) Scott, both natives of Ohio, the father having died in Jasper county August 7, 1905. Mrs. Scott died in Newton, Iowa, February 25, 1910. This family arrived here in the fall of 1867. The Scott family consisted of the following children: Robert Alexander, of Newton; Levina, wife of Mr. Tipton, of this review; Mrs. Frances Miskimins, born October 20, 1850, died in Independence township, this county, on June 18, 1908.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tipton have been born four children, all but the eldest first seeing the light of day in Independence township, this county. They are: Mrs. Isabella Poag, born in Ohio, April 26, 1864, is living in Kingsbury county, South Dakota; Alonzo, born January 14, 1869, is residing in Baxter, Iowa; Mrs. Catherine Poag, born February 14, 1872, is residing in Malaka

township, this county; John, born November 10, 1874, is successfully operating his father's farm in Independence township.

Politically, Mr. Tipton is a Republican, and he has been school director in his district. He has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and he and his wife belong to the Congregational church, at Baxter.

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### JOSEPH T. STRATTON.

The record of the subject of this review is that of an enterprising gentleman who worthily upholds an honored family name and whose life has been very intimately associated with the material prosperity and general advancement of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, during the most progressive period of its history, and Mr. Stratton has always been found on the right side of questions looking to the progress of this locality in any way.

Joseph T. Stratton was born in this township on October 21, 1871, and he has been content to spend his life right here at home, thereby obtaining as good, if not better, opportunities as could be found anywhere else and at the same time he has had the associations of the community in which his parents were pioneers. He is the son of James and Mary (Streeter) Stratton, the father born in Scotland, from which country he emigrated to the United States in early life, married here and established his permanent home, dying in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on August 4, 1895, at the age of sixty-four years and six months; his wife, who was born in the state of New York on April 24, 1835, died May 1, 1912; Joseph T. was the second of a family of four children, the others being Henry, who lives in Collins, Story county; Mrs. Elsie Clapper, of Independence township; Edward lives at Maxwell, Iowa. They were all born in Clear Creek township.

Joseph T. Stratton worked on his father's farm when a boy and attended the district schools and he has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and stock raising, being regarded as an exceptionally good judge of horses; he is the owner of some of the finest horses in this locality. One of his mares took second prize at the International Stock Show at Chicago, 1910. He also owns one of the finest young horses to be seen in the state. He owns one hundred and eighty-six acres of the home place and ten acres in another part of Clear Creek township, all of which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has a good home and outbuildings, everything about the place denoting excellent management.

Politically, Mr. Stratton is a Republican; he has been constable of this township. Fraternally, he belongs to Crescent Camp No. 2358, Modern Woodmen of America, of Collins.

Mr. Stratton was married on April 23, 1896, to Edith Warrell, who was born in this county, September 22, 1879, the daughter of Charles and Eva (Clapper) Warrell; the mother was born in Ohio and is now residing in Collins; the father lived in Jasper county a number of years.

There are four children in the Warrell family, namely: Edith, wife of Mr. Stratton, of this sketch, being the eldest; Mrs. Lola Penquite is living in Colfax; Oral lives in Montana; Mrs. Mabel Halterman, of Collins. The older children were born in Jasper county and the younger ones in Story county.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton, named as follows: Eva, born August 15, 1898; Cora, born November 8, 1900; Earl, born October 1, 1902; Leola, born July 12, 1904; James T., born August 23, 1907.

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#### WILLIS CAMPBELL.

Among the substantial men whose labor and influence gave impetus to the agricultural interests and general material improvements of Jasper county in years gone by and who today occupies a high place in the esteem of the community in which he lives is the worthy gentleman whose name introduces this article.

Willis Campbell was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, January 22, 1854. He is the son of John and Sarah (Leeper) Campbell, both natives of the same locality in which the subject was born, the father's birth occurring in 1820 and the mother's in 1822, and there they grew up, were educated in the pioneer schools and were married. John Campbell devoted his life to farming, at one time owning one hundred and sixty acres. He was a soldier in Company I, Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted in 1861, and he died of the fever just after the siege of Vicksburg on August 28, 1863. He proved to be a gallant and splendid soldier. He enlisted as a private, and for meritorious services he rose to the rank of adjutant-general. His family consisted of six sons and one daughter, namely: James, Alexander, Thomas (deceased), Willis (of this sketch), Colin, Mrs. Jessie Kelly, George.

Willis Campbell attended school in Ohio and after his father's death, or in 1865, he moved to Iowa county, Iowa, with his mother and the rest of

the family, driving through with wagon and team. In 1867 the whole family came to Jasper county, locating in Sherman township. In 1869 they bought a farm for the mother, and the boys all remained at home and worked the place, until the death of the mother in 1875. In 1872 Willis Campbell bought eighty acres in Mound Prairie township. He has prospered through good management and close application until he now owns about nine hundred acres of choice and valuable land, all in Mound Prairie township, where he carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, in fact, is known as one of the county's most progressive and substantial agriculturists. He keeps his land under modern improvements in every way and his fields are scientifically farmed so that maximum results are obtained. He has a commodious and attractive home and convenient outbuildings, everything about his place denoting thrift, system, good taste and wise foresight. Mr. Campbell is one of the most extensive feeders in this section of the state, often feeding five hundred head annually, and owing to the high grade stock he handles he always finds a very ready market for all he offers for sale. He is regarded as one of the best judges of cattle in the county. Mr. Campbell is a Republican and while he takes a good citizen's interest in all public matters, he has never sought office.

In January, 1864, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Selina A. Worden, a native of Lynn county, Iowa, and the daughter of Joseph Worden, a prominent citizen there. One winsome daughter, an only child, has graced the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, whom they named Gertrude.

Willis Campbell's career is one that should be held up as a model for the young men whose destinies are yet matters for the future. It shows what determination, rightly directed ambition and honesty can accomplish even in the face of opposition. He never lets the grass grow under his feet, but is one of the most energetic, hardworking and straightforward men in the county. Early in the morning and late in the evening he may be seen attending to something on his broad acres, whose management he always has well in hand, careful of every detail. He started out a poor boy and has, without assistance or influence of others, risen to a position of affluence and independence, and every dollar in his possession has been honestly earned. He has been a keen observer and a close student of progressive farming. He has been on the same farm on which he still resides for a period of forty years, longer than most farmers in Jasper county to spend on any one farm. He has lived to see this locality change from a wild prairie to one of the best agricultural sections in Iowa, and he has taken a conspicuous part in this transformation.

Near his modern home still stands the little old-fashioned frame building that was here when he came. The contrast is most noticeable. He is a man whose word is regarded as good as a bond and his credit and security is not questioned at any of the local banks, his business being so extensive that his signature is known by all. Personally, he is a congenial, unassuming, likeable gentleman, whom to know is to honor and admire.

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#### MELVILLE J. COOL.

Jasper county has been honored by a large number of Pennsylvanians settling within her borders. The word "honored" is used advisedly, for it has been found, almost without exception, that they have performed exceptionally well their parts as citizens, lending such aid as was necessary in the general development of the country and leading lives of industry and honesty. The life record of Melville J. Cool, of Baxter, Independence township, is no exception to this general rule, as all who know him well will readily attest.

Mr. Cool was born in Beaver Meadows, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1854, but the major part of his life has been spent in Iowa, his parents having brought him to Clear Creek township, Jasper county when he was six months old and here he has continued to reside devoting his attention to farming. He is the son of Abraham and Sarah (Robbins) Cool, both born in Pennsylvania, and there they grew to maturity, were educated and married, emigrating to Clear Creek township in the early history of Jasper county and they endured the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, developed a good farm, reared their children and died in Clear Creek township, the father on January 9, 1869, and the mother on July 16, 1883, having lived there since 1855. There were five children in their family, namely: Mrs. Hulda Thompson, of Hebron, Nebraska; Mrs. Almeda Dee died in 1906; William, born in 1851, is residing in Reno, Nevada; Melville J., of this sketch; Frank Curtis is living in Independence township, this county; Josephus and Josephine, twin sisters, died when six months old; Charles Woodward is living in Melbourne, Iowa. The four younger children were born in Clear Creek township in which the subject resided about forty years.

Melville J. Cool was married on November 25, 1877, to Maggie J. Kintz, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, on July 10, 1864, and here she grew to womanhood, was educated and has always resided. She is the daughter of Commodore P. Kintz and wife, he a native of Summit county,

Ohio, this family being one of the earliest in Clear Creek township. The reader is respectfully referred to the sketch of Commodore P. Kintz, appearing on another page of this work.

Mr. Cool and wife conduct a popular and excellent hotel at Baxter.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Melville J. Cool, named as follows: Ole died when seven months old; Mack G., born on the same farm as was his mother, at Clyde, March 29, 1882, is assisting in the implement business at Baxter; Fred C. was born in Clear Creek township, June 28, 1885, and is working at the barber trade at England, North Dakota; Scott was born in Collins, Story county, March 7, 1888, is residing in Baxter. These children were reared in Jasper county and educated in the local schools.

Politically, Mr. Cool is a Democrat and he and his sons are members of Baxter Camp No. 5248, Modern Woodmen of America, at Baxter.

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#### GEORGE A. PERIN.

One of the worthy young farmers of Independence township is George A. Perin, worthy representative of an old and highly respected family. He has led a quiet life and his integrity has always been unassailable, content to lead a quiet, sober and industrious life, with no ambition for anything but the sphere of a private citizen, and his many friends bear testimony to his amiable qualities and sterling characteristics.

Mr. Perin was born in this township on August 6, 1879, and here he grew to manhood on the home farm, where he worked during the crop seasons when of proper age, and here he received his educational training and has always been identified with local agricultural interests. He is the son of Glover and Jane (Barbee) Perin, the father born in Hancock county, Indiana, November 14, 1839, and the mother in Missouri on January 8, 1838. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day and are still living here, making their home with the subject on the farm. Their ten children were born in Independence township, and they were named as follows: William, born in 1860, lives at home; Mrs. Lucinda Colyar, born April 2, 1862, is deceased; Mrs. Sarah McQuiston, born November 8, 1864, is deceased; John Francis, born May 28, 1866, lives in Webster county, Iowa; Clara, born in February, 1865, is deceased; Charles, born July 29, 1867, lives at home; Annie, born October 17, 1872, is deceased; Harry, born January 20, 1874, is deceased; Nora, born November 20, 1876, is deceased; George A., of this sketch.

George A. Perin was married on April 27, 1905, to Carrie May Plumb, who was born in Independence township, this county, September 16, 1883, the daughter of William and Laura (Shepley) Plumb, both natives of Iowa, the father born on January 16, 1861, and the mother in Polk county on May 15, 1865. Both these parents were children of pioneers of this state.

There were thirteen children in the Plumb family, nine of whom are living, named as follows: Carrie May, wife of Mr. Perin, of this sketch, is the eldest; William, born March 23, 1885, died 1904; Mrs. Jennie Taylor, born June 3, 1887, lives in Independence township; Clara, born December 12, 1889, lives in Independence township; Mrs. Elsie Plumb, born November 27, 1892, lives in Dakota; Orpha, born October 9, 1896, lives at home; Alma died in infancy; the next two died in infancy unnamed; Van, born October 4, 1902; Wilda, born June 16, 1905; Harry, born February 10, 1909; Golola, born July 10, 1910. The younger children are at home with their parents in Independence township; they were all born in Jasper county with the exception of Elsie, who was born in Kossuth county, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Perin four children have been born, namely: Marion Arthur, born January 12, 1906; Leo Anderson, born September 5, 1907; Jennet Ethel, born October 5, 1909; the youngest child died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Perin tills forty acres belonging to his father, and this he is managing in such an able manner as to insure a comfortable yearly income. Politically, he is a Republican, and in his fraternal relations he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America of Baxter. He is a member of the board of education of Independence township.

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#### AUGUST HAGER.

It is almost unnecessary at this time to speak of the part played by European aliens, many of them exiles, in the upbuilding of this nation. They thronged our shores on the Atlantic prior to the Revolution; the stream grew larger and more constant at its close, and they have continued to come in ever-increasing numbers. We have always plenty of room for them and they pay us back manifold by their industrious and frugal lives and by their contributions to the prosperity of almost every section of the national union.

One of the worthy sons of the old fatherland who has become one of Jasper county's progressive citizens is August Hager, well known mill operator of Baxter. He was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, September 5,

1875, and there he grew to maturity and received his education in the common schools. He is the son of Herman and Sophia (Stock) Hager, both natives of Germany, the father having died in that country several years ago, but the mother is still living in the old country. Five children were born to them, namely: Herman lives in Germany; Fred, who is president of the State Savings Bank of Baxter, was born November 29, 1863, and he is one of the leading business men of this vicinity; Lena Stoelting lives in Germany; Lena Einsmeyer is also still a resident of her native land; August of this sketch is the youngest.

August Hager emigrated to America in 1864 and located at Baxter, Iowa, and entered the employ of his brother in the local flouring mill, and with the exception of six months spent in farm work he has continued in this business to the present time, having bought the mill from his brother in 1902, Henry Noah being an equal partner from July, 1902. This is one of the best known and most popular mills in the county and has a wide and ever growing patronage, for high grade work is done here at all times and every caution is observed in order to please and give honest service. It is equipped with the most up-to-date and best approved machinery and is properly prepared in every respect to turn out the best material promptly. The products are eagerly sought for all over the country and the mill is usually run at its full capacity, seventy barrels daily, many car loads being shipped to various localities.

On April 6, 1904, August Hager was married to Carrie Kracht, who was born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, August 9, 1878. She is the daughter of Adolph and Wilhelmina (Begemann) Kracht, both born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, the father on June 29, 1841, and the mother on December 7, 1847. They grew up, were educated and married in the fatherland, and came to Iowa in early life and they now live retired in Baxter, having secured a competency. There were eleven children in their family. The two eldest, Henry and Matilda, died in infancy; Fred, born in Wisconsin, December 19, 1873, lives in Baxter; William died when eight years old; Lydia, born December 5, 1879, lives in Baxter; Carrie, wife of Mr. Hager of this review; Elvina Wintermeier lives in Independence township, this county; Adolph, born March 2, 1884, lives in Baxter; Emma, born December 13, 1884, lives in Baxter; Anna, born November 13, 1887, also lives in Baxter.

Politically, Mr. Hager is a Democrat. He is a member of the German Reformed church of Independence township. He has always been a student of the world's best literature and of the current topics of the times. He has led a commendable life since coming among us and has made a host of friends who admire him for his business ability, his progressiveness and honesty.

## WILLIAM KIMBERLEY.

There could be no more comprehensive history written of a community or county or even of a state and its people than that which deals with the life work of those who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy, have placed themselves where they well deserve the title of "prominent and progressive," and in this sketch will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active and less able plodders on the highway of life, one who has been consistent in his life work and never permitted the "grass to grow under his feet," one who, while advancing his own interests has not neglected his full duties to the general public, at the same time upholding an honored family name.

William Kimberley, a leading farmer and stock raiser of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, February 28, 1862, and in 1866, when four years old, he came with his parents, Isaiah and Mary Ann (Cleverly) Kimberley a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and here he has continued to reside, having grown up on his father's farm which he worked during the crop seasons and attended the local schools.

On February 20, 1884, Mr. Kimberley was united in marriage with Mary Cleverly, who was born in Allamakee county, Iowa. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Owens) Cleverly, both born in England where they spent their early lives, were educated and married, emigrating subsequently to America and they are now living at the village of Collins, Jasper county, Iowa, where they are highly respected. Of their two children, the wife of the subject is the only one living, her brother being deceased.

Four sons and two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William Kimberley, named as follows: Arthur, born June 7, 1885; Mary, born September 10, 1886; John, born December 27, 1887; James, born November 4, 1892; Jadie, born January 14, 1895; Nettie, born February 5, 1899. These children were born on the farm where the parents first located, and, in fact, which has since been the family home. This place consists of five hundred and forty-four acres of choice land in Clear Creek township, which Mr. Kimberley has placed under high-grade and up-to-date improvements and kept the soil scientifically tilled so that succeeding years have enhanced rather than depreciated its strength and value, in fact, it is a pleasure to look over his beautifully kept fields and his substantial and convenient group of farm buildings, including a modern, ample and well furnished residence, surrounded by gardens, orchards and everything that makes a rural life attractive, this home being one of the most attractive, desirable and tastily appointed in Jasper county.

In connection with general farming on a large scale Mr. Kimberley has embarked in the short-horn cattle business, and is obtaining some of the best strains purchasable, his fine herd attracting widespread attention. He is an excellent judge of live stock of all kinds and has always kept a good grade of horses, cattle and hogs. He has managed well and has accumulated a competency, large success having attended his efforts. He is the representative of one of the leading families of the county and his career has been such as to win the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

Politically, Mr. Kimberley is a Democrat and while he has ever manifested the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, he has never been an aspirant for public leadership, being content to devote his attention to his large agricultural interests, knowing that to achieve the largest success in any line one must concentrate one's energies and refrain from diverting the mind in too many channels. Personally, he is a very pleasant gentleman and therefore makes friends without effort.

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#### WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL.

The gentleman whose name initiates this article is a native of Indiana, a state which has been the cradle of much of our western civilization and upon which the commonwealth of Iowa has largely drawn for its most enlightened, enterprising and progressive people. This Hoosier class has demonstrated continuously that they believe in extending the bounds of civilization to the utmost. They never shirk their duty, but plunge into the work to be done in any new community and bear their full share. The good they have done in Jasper county cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, for they have, while assisting with the material development of the same not neglected the civic, religious and moral phases of civilization, but at once began to build school houses and churches, to place prudent men in public office, so that the laws would be respected and enforced. These traits were doubtless the result of the careful training by their honored pioneer ancestors, who are regarded as worthy of all honor—the kind of people that found empires and republics and who, believing with Bishop Whipple that "westward the course of empire ever takes its way," have sought to do their full share in the good work. One of these excellent gentlemen, who, while not among the earlier horde of his countrymen to cast his lot in ours, has yet been among us for upwards of thirty-five years, during which the most rapid and astonishing changes have taken

place, is William M. Campbell, farmer of Clear Creek township, who, while not among the leaders in agricultural and business affairs, yet has sought to do his part well as a citizen and has led a life that is in every way commendable.

Mr. Campbell was born in Rush county, Indiana, on April 26, 1864, and there he spent his early boyhood, coming to Jasper county, Iowa, with his parents in 1875, and with the exception of five years in Missouri and two years in Nebraska he has continued to reside here. The family located in Independence township, later moving to Clear Creek township where they have resided for some time.

The subject is the son of Frank and Mary (Kelser) Campbell, both natives of Indiana, the father born in Rush county, and they grew up, attended school and were educated in their native state and were married there, moving to Jasper county, Iowa, in the year mentioned above and here they established a good home through perseverance and economy and they spent the balance of their lives, the father dying in Jasper county on July 31, 1898, and the mother's death occurred here in February, 1911, having survived her husband thirteen years.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, seven of whom are living at this writing, named as follows: Mrs. Alice Crosley died in June, 1911; Belle died when eighteen years of age; Allen H., born October 20, 1861, lives at Ira; William M., of this review; Solon lives in Des Moines; Mrs. Emma Eckles also lives in Des Moines; Ira makes his home at Valeria, this state; Samuel lives at Ira, Iowa; Mrs. Esther Smith and Fred also live at Ira.

At St. Charles, Iowa, on October 24, 1895, occurred the marriage of William M. Campbell and Agnes M. Boyd, the latter born on July 12, 1872, in Poweshiek township, and there she grew to womanhood and attended the district schools. Her grandfather Boyd bought land at that place for three dollars per acre in pioneer days. He was an influential man in his community, and was licensed as a layman in the Methodist Episcopal church three months after his conversion. Mrs. Campbell is the daughter of Parker and Sarah Jane (Cromer) Boyd, the father born in Ohio and the mother born in Indiana. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day and here became well established and here they spent the balance of their lives, the father dying in April, 1898, and the mother on October 10, 1907. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom three are living, named as follows: The eldest child, a son, died in infancy; Agnes M., wife of Mr. Campbell, of this review; Hugh died when three months old; Emma E., born July 28, 1875, was one of the prominent school teachers of Jasper county for several years; she was

born on the old Cromer homestead at Greencastle; the next three children died in infancy; Mary E. died when twenty years of age; Fred, born August 22, 1887; the youngest, a daughter, died in infancy. These children were born in Poweshiek township, Jasper county, and were reared and educated here.

To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have been born four children, of whom three are living, named as follows: Omar, born in Clear Creek township, September 18, 1896; Iva, born March 30, 1898; a daughter, born July 16, 1902, died the same day; Ila, born September 19, 1907. The two older children are attending school in Clear Creek township, in their home district.

Mr. Campbell has devoted his life to farming, beginning on the home place when but a boy, working in the fields during the crop season and attending the common schools in the winter months. He is an advocate of the "intensive" farming idea and is successfully using these modern methods of agriculture on fifty acres in Clear Creek township.

Politically, Mr. Campbell is a Republican and both he and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he holding membership at Ira and she in the congregation at Mingo. They are both highly respected and have a wide circle of friends throughout this locality.

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#### JAMES R. POAGE

Among the honored gentlemen of a past generation in Jasper county was James R. Poage, a man who during his residence in this community merited and received the highest respect and esteem of his acquaintances. A man of honest motives, purest purposes and kindest feelings toward all, he made and retained for himself a host of friends. His domestic and social relations were of the most pleasant character, and the fact that his surroundings were such as to make life enjoyable was due solely to his individual merits, his affable and courteous treatment of others and his strict adherence to justice in all his dealings.

Mr. Poage was born in Ross county, Ohio, September 3, 1834. He was the son of George G. and Jane (Riggs) Poage, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Pennsylvania. They grew up in the East and were married there, finally coming West, where they spent the latter part of their lives, the father dying in Nebraska and the mother in Colorado. Their family consisted of five children, all now deceased, namely: James R., of this sketch; Stephen W., George G., Mrs. Arabella Dungan; Mary died in infancy.

James R. Poage grew up in Ohio and received such education as the early schools of his community afforded. He came to Jasper county, Iowa, in the fall of 1857, and here became well established, securing a good farm through his industry, his place consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of fine land, which he brought up to a high state of cultivation and improvement and ranking as one of the most desirable farms in Malaka township. He devoted his life to general farming and stock raising and here spent the remainder of his life, passing to his rest on January 23, 1905. His widow is still in possession of this farm, in addition to which she owns a very cozy home in Baxter.

Mr. Poage was married in this county on October 27, 1859, to Harriet E. Scott, who was born in Warrick county, Indiana, January 31, 1842. She came with her parents to Jasper county in 1856 and here she has since resided, having lived to see the locality develop from a wild, sparsely settled prairie to one of the most opulent sections of Iowa. She received her educational training in the old-time schools, and she has been known as a woman of many praiseworthy characteristics, and, like her lamented husband, always numbered her friends by the score. She was the daughter of Robert and Marinda (Earl) Scott, the father born in Connecticut, February 22, 1836, and the mother in Ohio, March 3, 1818. They grew up and were married in the East, eventually coming to Iowa, where they became very comfortably established and influential, and the father's death occurred in Jasper county in February, 1875; the mother is residing in Corning, Adams county, Iowa, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. She is the sole survivor of the charter members of the Congregational church at Newton.

There were ten children in the Scott family, five of whom are living, named as follows: Mrs. Rosetta McKinstry, deceased; Mrs. Lydia M. Dulin, deceased; Harriet E., who married Mr. Poage of this sketch; Mrs. Armina J. Shipp lives in Nebraska; Mrs. Emily A. Preston lives at Corning, Iowa; Robert N., deceased; Mary A., deceased; Lucian S. lives in Buena Vista county, Iowa; Frank M., deceased; Edgar C. is living in Minnesota. The oldest sister was born in Ohio; the next four in Indiana, where the family lived a number of years, and the younger ones were born in Scott county, except the two younger, who were born in Jasper county, Iowa, where the family maintained its home for some time prior to coming to Jasper county.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Poage, six of whom are living, namely: S. W., born August 15, 1860, lives in South Dakota; James M., born September 10, 1862, lives in Nebraska; Robert A., born April 26, 1865, lives in Malaka township, Jasper county; Frank Irvin, born April 11, 1868, lives in

Oklahoma; Leslie N., born November 20, 1869, died October 4, 1902; Herbert E., born April 5, 1872, lives in Canada; Mrs. Hattie G. McFarland, born June 28, 1875, lives with her mother in Baxter; Lucian S., born September 14, 1877, died August 20, 1907. These children were born and reared in Jasper county, and have been identified with the agricultural interests of whatever localities they have lived in.

Politically, Mr. Poage was a Republican, and was long an influential factor in local affairs, holding a number of offices, such as a member of the school board of Malaka township, township trustee and township clerk. His father was one of the founders of Wittenberg College and remained a staunch friend of that institution all his life. He was one of the oldest teachers in Jasper county. The Poage family are members of the Congregational church at Baxter. Both parents of Mrs. Poage, also her uncle, Edwin Scott, and his wife Ruth, were charter members of the Congregational church at Newton.

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#### ALFRED O. WILSON.

The subject of this sketch early in life realized the fact that success never comes to the idle or dreamer and he has accordingly remembered the aphorism, and devoted himself to ardent toil along lines that cannot but insure success. The property which he enjoys has been the result of energy rightly applied and has been won by commendable qualities. In such a man as Mr. Wilson there is especial satisfaction in offering in their life records justification for issuing a biographical compendium such as the one at hand—not necessarily that the careers of such men as his type have been such as to gain them wide reputation or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to the trusts reposed in them, have shown such attributes of character as entitle them to the regard of all and have been useful in their respective sphere of action, at the same time winning and retaining the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come into contact.

Alfred O. Wilson was born in Story county, Iowa, May 14, 1877, and he came with his parents to Jasper county in 1878 and with the exception of a year and a half spent in Rhodes engaged in the livery business, he has been a continuous resident of the same, being now successfully engaged in farming in Independence township. Here he grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools. He is the son of Elisha and Sarah A. (Barnes) Wilson, the father born in Kentucky. He came to Iowa in an early day,

spending the latter years of his life in Jasper county, his death occurring in February, 1903, at the age of sixty-two years. His widow is now living in Colorado. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living, two having died in infancy; those living are, Mrs. Mary Hand, of Colorado; H. D. also resides in the Centennial state; Mrs. Jennie Nason and Mrs. Laura Goodrich also live in Colorado; Alfred O., of this sketch. The older children were born in Henry county, Iowa, where the parents lived for a number of years upon first coming to this state.

Elisha Wilson was a typical pioneer and he erected the first blacksmith shop in the town of Baxter, this having been the second building there.

Alfred O. Wilson was married on February 20, 1891, to Bessie May Pitcock, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on April 25, 1877. She is the daughter of William and Matilda (Tedrow) Pitcock, both natives of Ohio. Her father is residing at Mingo, having come to Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day; his wife passed away in this county on June 28, 1907. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Harley resides at Goddard; Mrs. Rosa Hansen lives in Independence township; Harry lives at Goddard; Bessie May, wife of Mr. Wilson, of this sketch; Mrs. Rilla Ware lives in Jasper county; William lives at Mingo and Edward at Goddard. They were all born, reared and educated in Jasper county, with the exception of the eldest son, who was born in Ohio.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, namely: Helen May, born November 27, 1901; Eddie Beryl, born February 16, 1904; Clyde Herbert, born January 30, 1908. The two eldest children are attending school in the home district.

Politically, Mr. Wilson is a Republican and he is a member of the board of education in Independence township. Fraternally, he belongs to Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of Baxter; he and Mrs. Wilson are both members of Baxter Temple No. 202, Pythian Sisters, of Baxter. He was formerly a member of Baxter Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Christian church.

Mr. Wilson has been very successful in his business life. During several years that he was engaged in the livery business at Baxter and Rhodes he enjoyed a liberal patronage. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, he moved to his newly acquired farm of one hundred acres in Independence township, Jasper county, on March 1, 1911, and here he has since been engaged in general farming and stock raising in a manner that has brought definite rewards. He is a type of those young men who do not wait for op-

portunities to come to them, but who go out to the arena of action and make his chance to win success. His farm is well improved and he has a pleasant home.

Mr. Wilson has among his collection of curios a copy of the *New York Herald*, issued at the time of Lincoln's assassination, April 15, 1865, which graphically describes the events of those stirring times.

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#### AUGUST GAUCH.

One of the thrifty and highly respected Germans who cast his lot with the people of Jasper county in its period of rapid development and has since prospered by his close application and the exercise of sound business principles is August Gauch, a distinctive type of the successful self-made man. Not a pretentious or exalted life has been his, but one that has been true to itself and to which the biographer may refer with feelings of satisfaction and respect. He has shown himself to be a man of strong and alert mentality, deeply interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of the community along material lines and today is recognized as one of the representative men of the county.

Mr. Gauch was born in Baden, Germany, August 18, 1859. He is the son of Christian and Mary Ann (Blink) Gauch both natives of Baden, Germany, where they grew to maturity, and were married and there the father spent his life, dying in the fatherland at the age of fifty-five years. The mother came to America with her son August, of this review, in the spring of 1868 and she died at Montour, Iowa, when sixty-two years old, and her remains rest in the cemetery at State Center.

Three sons and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Gauch, namely: Anton died in Marshall county, Iowa, in 1911; Mrs. Pauline Dischner died in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Mrs. Catherine Kuckert lives in Eden township, Marshall county; Joseph lives in Clear Creek township, Jasper county; August, of this review, is the youngest. They were all born in Germany and there spent their early childhood, being reared principally in Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa, the subject having been nine years old when he came here.

August Gauch received his education in the common schools and early in life he turned his attention to farming, which has been his chief life work. He was married on September 25, 1894, to Minnie Schormann, who was born

in Allamakee county, Iowa, September 17, 1866, and there she grew up and was educated. She is the daughter of Fred and Henrietta (Dravis) Schorman, both born in Germany, the mother in Detmold, Lippe, and there they grew up and were married and from there emigrated to America in early life and here became well established and here spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in June, 1878, and the mother on November 27, 1907. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, named as follows: Fred, of Baxter, Jasper county; Minnie, wife of Mr. Gauch, of this review; William is a well known merchant of the town of Baxter, Iowa; Mrs. Goodman, Henry, Herman, Sophia. They were all born in Allamakee county except the youngest, whose birth occurred in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gauch have been born three daughters, as follows: Anna, born March 22, 1896; Henrietta, born January 16, 1897; Irene, born in Melbourne, September 20, 1899. The two eldest were born in Baxter, and all three are now attending the public schools here.

August Gauch remained at home until he was twenty-two years old, then he went to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he remained about ten years, then returned to Jasper county, Iowa, where he has continued to reside to the present time. He has been very successful in a business way and is the owner of considerable valuable property, including a substantial business block in Baxter, a modern and well furnished home here, eight acres within the city limits of Baxter, and three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Texas. He believes in securing the best of everything for his family, giving his children every advantage, and in a public way he supports all measures having as their object the general good. Politically, he is a Democrat and was reared a Catholic. Mrs. Gauch and children attend the Christian church. He belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 188 of Melbourne, and Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias. This is one of the highly respected and influential families of Baxter and this part of the county, having here a host of warm personal friends.

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#### CHRISTOPHER C. BARBEE.

For sixty years an honored resident of Jasper county, or practically all his life, Christopher C. Barbee, well known hardware merchant of the town of Ira, Independence township, is entitled to special mention with the successful and representative men of the county. He has for nearly a half century been inseparably connected with the agricultural and industrial growth

and development of the county and in the equally important matter of education and public morals he has also taken a leading part. While primarily attending to his own interests, his life has been devoted, as much as possible, in the ordinary course of every-day events, to his fellow men, having sought to inspire a proper respect for law and order and ready at all times to do his full duty in furthering any movement having for its object the general betterment of his community. His career contains few mistakes and abounds in much that is honorable and of good report, containing the record of an untarnished name and a character above reproach, which is much more to be desired than great riches.

Mr. Barbee was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, March 8, 1852, and when two years old he was brought by his parents to Jasper county and this has been his home ever since. The long, tiresome trip was made overland in an old-fashioned wagon, and they camped along the rough roads and forded the unbridged streams. He is the son of John and Ollie (Newton) Barbee, the father born in Kentucky and the mother in Indiana. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1852 and here became well established on a farm, spending the remainder of their lives here, the father dying on March 9, 1889, and the mother in 1892. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Barbee, six of whom are living at this writing.

Christopher C. Barbee, of this sketch, began life for himself on the farm which he has made his chief life work; he also learned the blacksmith's trade which he followed successfully for a number of years. He has for some time maintained a hardware store in Ira where he keeps a large and carefully selected stock of general hardware and farming implements, and he enjoys a very liberal patronage with the surrounding country, his customers, many of them, coming from remote localities. He also owns a modern and comfortable home in Ira, and through his industry and good management has become very well established in a material way.

Mr. Barbee talks interestingly of the days when the family first settled here. Wild game was abundant and Indians formed the major portion of the population. He says that often when the larder was empty of meat the father would give notice to the family that he intended to go out and kill a deer and that the rest of the family might be required to help bring it in, many of the deer being so large that it required more than one person to carry it home.

Mr. Barbee was married on May 26, 1873, to Angeline Sparks, who was born in Minnesota, September 11, 1858, the daughter of Joseph and Amilda (Parks) Sparks, the father born in Kentucky and the mother in Indiana. They

moved to Minnesota in an early day and there the mother's death occurred on June 12, 1900. The father was a soldier in the Union army and died while in the service.

Mrs. Barbee has one full brother, John Sparks, who resides at Benidji, Minnesota, and two half brothers, Ernest and Charlie Clemons, of Benidji, Minnesota, and one full sister and two half sisters, deceased.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barbee, four of whom are living at this writing, namely: Bertie died in infancy; Mrs. Maude L. Reddick, born December 31, 1877, lives in South Dakota; Otis C., born December 21, 1879, and Clarence J., born January 4, 1882, were killed in a train wreck while journeying to Dakota; J. Clifford, born December 26, 1884, is a blacksmith at Mingo, Iowa; Ray H., born February 9, 1886, lives in Ira; James Edward, born January 18, 1895, is assisting his father in the store at Ira. These children were reared and educated in Jasper county.

Politically, Mr. Barbee is a Republican, and while he has been too much engrossed with private affairs to seek public offices, he has always been interested in his party's welfare. He and his family are members of the Latter-Day Saints church.

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#### WILLIAM J. MILLER.

In every life of honor and usefulness we find much interesting incident and yet in summing the career of any person the biographer needs touch only the most salient points, giving only the keynote of the character, but eliminating much that is superfluous. So in presenting the life record of William J. Miller, one of the leading farmers of Jasper county, who is the owner of a model farmstead in Mound Prairie and Newton townships, no attempt shall be made to recount all the important acts in his useful life, nor recite every incident in his praiseworthy career, for it is deemed that only a few of them will suffice to show him to be eminently worthy of a place in this volume along with his fellows of high standing and recognized worth.

Mr. Miller was born in Sherman township, this county, April 9, 1858. He is the son of John, Jr., and Lucretia Jane (Cannon) Miller, the father born in Fulton county, New York, December 29, 1833, and the mother in Boonesboro, Kentucky, July 6, 1834. When sixteen years of age the father of the subject came with his grandfather, John Miller, Sr., to Kendall county, Illinois, by boat over the Great Lakes. In 1853 John Jr., with his mother and

brother George and sister Sarah, drove through to Jasper county, Iowa, and located in Sherman township, John Miller, Sr., having died in Illinois in 1852. His sons, John and George, bought two hundred acres of land for their mother and they all lived on the place until 1865, when John Miller, Jr., moved to Newton township and bought one hundred and forty acres. From there he moved to Sherman township in 1865 and bought one hundred and forty acres. At the time of his death in 1899 he owned three hundred and sixty acres. Politically, he was a Republican. His family consisted of four sons and three daughters, namely: The two oldest, died in infancy: Mrs. Louisa E. Hanson, Mrs. Nancy J. Henney; Lemuel J. and Oscar E. are deceased; and William J., of this review.

William J. Miller grew up on the home farm and he began working the fields when but a lad. He attended the rural schools in Sherman township, and remained at home until his marriage, then rented land a year, after which he bought eighty acres. He has met with continued success as a general farmer and stock raiser and he became the owner of six hundred and twenty acres, all in Mound Prairie township. This he sold largely to his sons and bought two hundred and thirty-seven acres in Newton township, one-half mile from the corporation. He has kept his land under an excellent state of cultivation and modern improvements, and has built good barns and out-buildings. He has kept and bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle for twenty years, and he keeps from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty stock cattle for breeding. He has bred and fed more Angus steers than any other Angus breeder in America. Those who have a knowledge of such matters will readily acquiesce in this statement. He is widely known for his fine cattle and a large part of his competency has been gained in this manner, for he is an excellent judge of the bovine division of live stock and understands well their care, so his stock always finds a very ready market. He has fed several car loads of cattle annually for the past twenty years, and he keeps nothing now but registered cattle. He also raises Percheron horses of an excellent grade.

Mr. Miller is a Republican and he has been a member of the county board of commissioners for two terms in the past.

Mr. Miller was married on February 28, 1878, to Emma A. Leeper, who was born in Ohio, the daughter of John Leeper an early settler in Jasper county and a substantial and highly respected citizen. To the subject and wife the following children have been born: Mrs. Jennie Traxler, Ralph Leroy, John, Mrs. Edith Pink, Florence and Floyd.

Mr. Miller is one of the most prominent cattle breeders in central Iowa

and every year he carries away many premiums at the Iowa state fair. Personally, he is a genial, companionable, honest gentleman who has won the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### THOMAS J. JEFFERS

In such men as Thomas J. Jeffers, farmer of Independence township, Jasper county, there is peculiar satisfaction in offering their life histories as justification for the compilation of works of this character—not that their lives have been such as to gain them particularly wide notoriety or the admiring plaudits of their fellow men, but that they have lived upright lives and been true to the confidence reposed in them, having shown such integrity as to entitle them to the regard of all.

Mr. Jeffers was born in this township on April 22, 1873, and here he grew to manhood and received his education, and, with the exception of a short time in the West, he has been a continuous resident in this vicinity. He is the son of Joseph Jeffers, who was born in Ohio. He was among the early settlers of Jasper county and here spent his last days on a farm in Independence township, dying in 1877; his wife died in 1876. They were the parents of five children, two daughters and three sons, namely: Mrs. Clara Beels, born March 11, 1857, lives in Baxter; Mrs. Edward Patterson lives in Independence township; William, born June 15, 1853, lives in Nebraska; Thomas J., of this review; Walter, born May 23, 1874, lives in Independence township. These children were all born and reared in this township and were educated in the local schools.

Thomas J. Jeffers was reared on the home farm and there he assisted with the general work about the place during the summertime, and he has made farming his life work. He owns thirty acres of good land in Independence township and has a comfortable home there. In connection with his farming he operates a threshing machine and corn-shelling outfit, doing a big annual business with each, being one of the best known threshers in the county, enjoying substantial returns from a large territory.

Mr. Jeffers was married on November 11, 1894, to Lillie Blanche Stier, who was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, August 6, 1876, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated, and with the exception of five years has been a continuous resident of the county. She is the daughter of John and Polly (Emery) Stier, the father born in Michigan on April

25, 1849, and died in Clear Creek township, this county, on December 31, 1897; the mother was born in Wisconsin on August 7, 1859, and is living in Mingo, Iowa. They were early settlers of this county.

There were seven children in the Stier family, five of whom are living, namely: Amos and Mamie, twins, born in 1878, the former residing in Minnesota, the latter having died in infancy; Albert, born in 1880, lives in Mingo; Mrs. Minnie Densmore, born in 1889, lives in California; Leon, born July 4, 1897, lives in Mingo; Lee died in infancy. These children were born in Clear Creek township, the rest in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers has been born one daughter, Zella, whose birth occurred on May 31, 1896; she is attending the rural schools of this community.

Politically, Mr. Jeffers is a Republican. He is a member of Jasper Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of Baxter. Mrs. Jeffers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Clear Creek.

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#### WILLIAM A. DEPPE.

Throughout an active and interesting career duty has ever been the motive of action of William A. Deppe, one of the progressive agriculturists of the vicinity of Baxter, Jasper county, and usefulness to his fellow men has not been by any means a secondary consideration. He has performed well his part in life, and it is a compliment worthily bestowed to say that this locality is honored in his citizenship, for he has achieved definite success through his own efforts and is thoroughly deserving of the proud American title of self-made man, the term being one that, in its better sense, cannot but appeal to the loyal admiration of all who are appreciative of our national institutions and the privileges afforded for individual accomplishment, and it is a privilege, ever gratifying, in this day and age, to meet a man who has the courage to face the battles of life with a strong heart and steady hand and to win in the stern conflict by bringing to bear only those forces with which nature has equipped him, self-reliance, self-respect and integrity.

Mr. Deppe was born in Newton, Iowa, March 2, 1864. He grew to manhood in this county and has made farming and stock raising his principal vocation. For a complete history of the Deppe family, long one of the best known in the county, the reader is referred to the sketch of Peter Burkely, appearing on another page of this work.

William A. Deppe was married in June, 1899, to Caroline Waterman, who was born at Kellogg, this county, January 28, 1872. She grew to womanhood in Jasper county and received a good common school education in her native community. She is the daughter of Herman and Louisa (Wintermeier) Waterman, both natives of Lippe-Detmold, Germany. They grew up in their native land and in the year 1870 emigrated to America. They are residing at present on a farm in Malaka township, this county, having, through their thrift and close application, become very well established in the New World, and, like the Deppe family, are highly respected by all who know them.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Waterman, of whom Caroline, wife of Mr. Deppe, was the eldest; the others were, August, who lives in Marshall county, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Deppe lives in Malaka township, this county; William lives in Malaka township, Jasper county. These children were born and reared in this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Deppe two children have been born. Hilda Clara, born September 4, 1904, who is attending the rural schools in the community, and Raymond Huldrich, born October 5, 1908.

Mr. Deppe is an independent thinker and he prefers to vote for the men whom he deems best fitted for the office sought, consequently advocates no special party in politics. He and his family are members of the German Reformed church in Independence township.

By energy, honest dealings and perseverance Mr. Deppe has secured a competency, and his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Malaka township is well improved and here he carries on general farming successfully and an excellent grade of live stock may always be found about his fields. He has a pleasant home and good outbuildings.

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#### JOHN ALLAN.

From the beautiful heath and bluebell country, the land of Bruce and Burns,—bonnie Scotland,—the land that has sent to our shores so many sterling citizens, who have been of incalculable estimate in furthering our civilization, hails John Allan, one of the most progressive and highly esteemed citizens of western Jasper county, a man whom has outcropped many of the sterling attributes of his worthy ancestors. He has been very successful since taking up his abode in his adopted country to whose institutions he has ever been loyal and, while laboring for his own advancement, has not neglected his

obligations to the community in general, and, his character being exemplary, he has therefore merited the high esteem in which he has ever been held by the wide circle of his acquaintances.

Mr. Allan was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, July 7, 1861. He is the son of James and Joan (Davidson) Allan, both natives of Scotland, who grew to maturity, were educated and married there, and in 1871 they emigrated to America, locating in Jasper county, Iowa, in June of that year and here they became well established. They lived on what is known as the McKenzie farm for one year, then moved to the present Allan homestead, the father having developed an excellent farm on which he still lives, with the subject, being now seventy-six years of age.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Allan, seven of whom are living, namely: John, of this review; Mrs. Margaret Yule lives at Newcastle, Colorado; Mrs. Charles Davy lives in Baxter, Iowa; William lives at Seattle, Washington; Charles lives at Newcastle, Colorado; Fred is a resident of Independence township, this county; Mrs. Jessie Cool, born January 22, 1885, lives in Baxter. Four children of this family died when quite young; the elder ones were born in Scotland, but the family was practically reared in Jasper county, Iowa.

John Allan was ten years old when he accompanied his parents and the rest of the family to Jasper county, Iowa, and here he grew to manhood and received his education. He assisted his father on the home place when a boy and early in life turned his attention to farming, and he has been operating the home place, tilling ninety acres in Independence township. There are two sets of buildings on the place, the home occupied by his father and mother, and the one occupied by himself and family. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and makes a specialty of full-blooded short-horn cattle, besides the best grade of hogs, horses and other stock.

Mr. Allan was united in marriage to Miss Janet Galloway, who was born in Scotland on March 23, 1879, of which country her parents, James and Jane (Strachan) Galloway, were also natives. They grew up and married there and finally emigrated to the United States, at present making their home in Seattle, Washington. There were five children in the Galloway family, all living, named as follows: Mrs. Robert Johnson lives in Independence township; Mrs. Lizzie Meiklejohn, of Washington; Mrs. Agnes Allen lives in Seattle, Washington; Arch lives in Riceville, Iowa; Janet, wife of Mr. Allan, of this sketch, being the youngest. These children were all born in Scotland.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allan have been born six children, all living named as follows: Daisy Jane, born April 12, 1900; Albert, born March 3, 1903;

James, born May 19, 1904; Joseph, born July 9, 1905; William, born August 26, 1906; Bessie, born February 7, 1909. They were all born in Independence township.

Politically, Mr. Allan is a Democrat, and he affiliates with the Congregational church at Baxter. Fraternally, he is a member of Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Baxter, being a present worshipful master of the same; also a member of Baxter Camp No. 5642, Modern Woodmen of America, of Baxter. That Mr. Allan is held in high confidence and esteem is evidenced by the fact that he has been placed in such a responsible position in one of the world's leading secret orders.

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#### JOHN DAVID JICKLING.

The best title one can establish to the high and generous esteem of an intelligent community is a protracted and honorable residence therein. John David Jickling, one of the best known and most highly esteemed men of the western part of Jasper county, has resided here since the pioneer epoch and his career has been a most commendable one in every respect, well deserving of being perpetuated on the pages of a historical work of the nature of the one in hand. Like his sterling father before him, he has been a man of well defined purpose and never failed to carry to successful completion any work of enterprise to which he addressed himself. Beginning life in a new country and under many unfavorable auspices, he has let nothing deter him, and before the lapse of many years he had a fine farm under cultivation. Knowing that the country was destined to take a very high rank in the productive and rich localities of the North, he applied himself very closely to his work and waited for the future to bring its rewards, and today he is one of the substantial and influential men of the county.

Mr. Jickling hails from "Our Sister of Snows" country, his birth having occurred about thirty miles east of London, Ontario, Canada, on June 22, 1837. He is the son of Robert and Mary (Whitby) Jickling, both born near London, England, the father on May 28, 1794, and the mother on December 30, 1807. There they spent the earlier years of their lives, emigrating to Canada in 1836, where they spent the balance of their lives, the father dying at the advanced age of eighty-two years and the mother when sixty-eight years old. There were eleven children in the Jickling family. By the father's first marriage, six children were born, namely: W. F., a soldier in

the Civil war, later a policeman in Chicago, in which city he still resides; Mrs. Elizabeth McLean lives in the province of Manitoba, Canada; John David, of this review; Mrs. Susannah Woods lives in Ontario, Canada; Rowland died when nine years old; Thomas died in 1908; Samuel died in 1906. The latter was a veteran of the Civil war and he was connected with the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, for many years after the war; Hannah died when twenty years of age; Rebecea died in infancy; Joseph B. is living in Manitoba; one child died in infancy.

John D. Jickling spent his childhood in Canada and was educated in the common schools. On March 13, 1859, he settled in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He there engaged at his trade of harness making immediately, and lived there until 1865, when he removed to Sherman township, Jasper county, and here he has continued to reside to the present time. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, for he landed at Kalamazoo with a total capital of four dollars and fifty cents. He is at present one of the wealthiest men in Jasper county. He is the owner of four hundred and fifty-one acres of choice land in Sherman township, on which are three sets of good buildings. He has kept his land well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, and by his close application and sound judgment he has accumulated a competency. He has always been a lover of good live stock and has kept excellent grades. He owns a substantial business block in the town of Ira, a modern and imposing home in Ira, and two valuable lots in Des Moines.

Mr. Jickling talks interestingly of the early days of this country, which he has seen develop from a wild prairie to one of the leading agricultural sections of the state. He came from Kellogg to Newton by stage. There were no railroads in this part of the country. Mr. Jickling hauled grain to Colfax when there was but one building there. There were no bridges, the farmers being compelled to ford Skunk river. He has always been a man whose word was as good as the bond of most men, even if it were at financial sacrifice. At one time wheat was contracted for at one dollar per bushel. He had contracted to deliver about two thousand bushels, which he did although wheat had advanced to one dollar and fifty cents per bushel. Every dollar in his possession was honestly earned. He would never stoop to paltry things in order to gain his ends in dealing with his fellow men, consequently he has won and retained their confidence and good will.

Mr. Jickling was married on April 8, 1860, to Susan S. Cuthbert, who was born in London, England, on February 5, 1842, where she spent her early girlhood, emigrating to the United States in 1855 with her parents, George and Susan (Hall) Cuthbert, both born in England, the mother in

Lincolnshire, and there they grew to maturity and were married. Upon coming to this country they took up their residence in Michigan. They spent the rest of their lives in America, each dying at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of six children, namely: Jesse died in 1903; Moses is deceased; George, deceased; Mrs. Adam Maggard lives in Ira; Susan S., wife of Mr. Jickling, of this review; one daughter died in infancy.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jickling, the two eldest in Michigan, the others in Jasper county, and here they were reared and educated; they were named as follows: George B., born July 21, 1861, the day of the first great battle of the Civil war, Bull Run; he is residing at Winterset, Iowa; William R., born on June 9, 1864, lives in Sherman township; Mrs. Laura Zenor, born March 6, 1868, is living at Tryon, Nebraska; Mrs. Edith May Conch, born July 23, 1871, lives in Sherman township, this county; Riley R., born September 14, 1874, died January 9, 1877.

Politically, Mr. Jickling is a Republican and while he has ever manifested an abiding interest in the affairs of his township and county, he has never sought to be a leader in public matters, preferring to devote his attention to his home and business. He has been road supervisor of his district.

Mrs. Jickling is the possessor of an old Bible, given to her at the age of twelve years when she was a member of a Sunday school class, at Welteobe Wold, England, in July, 1854, and she highly prizes the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Jickling have a pleasant and well furnished home, and here their many friends delight to gather and share their old-fashioned hospitality and good cheer, and they number their friends only by the limits of their acquaintance.

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#### BENJAMIN F. DEPPE.

It is doubtful if any people that go to make up our cosmopolitan civilization have better habits of life than those who came originally from the great German empire. The descendants of these people are distinguished for their thrift and honesty, and these two qualities in the inhabitants of any country will eventually make that country great among the nations of the earth. When with these two qualities are coupled the other attributes of sound sense and correct habits, as most all German descendants seem to possess, there are afforded such qualities as will enrich any land and place it in the front rank of the nations of the earth in the scale of elevated humanity. Of this excellent people came the Deppe family, one of the best known of Jasper county,

where they have long been well established and of whom Benjamin F. Deppe, progressive farmer of Malaka township, is a worthy representative, being of the second generation of the family in America. He has been a diligent worker in his chosen field of endeavor and has been rewarded by large success, and, having minded well his own affairs and kept the even tenor of his way through all the years, he has earned the good will and esteem of his neighbors and many acquaintances.

Mr. Deppe was born in Malaka township, Jasper county, Iowa, and here he grew to manhood, received his education and has spent his life in agricultural pursuits, although he prepared himself for a business career, having completed the commercial course in the Newton Normal College. His birth occurred on February 14, 1874, and he is the son of Adolph and Wilhelmina (Schroeder) Deppe, both natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States, locating in Jasper county Iowa, where they became well established, the death of the father occurring here in 1884. He assisted in laying the foundation of the recent Jasper county court house. There were six children in this family, all living, namely: Mrs. Etta Berkey, born September 17, 1857, lives in Baxter; Mrs. Mary Krampe lives in Baxter; William lives in Malaka township; Edward lives in Malaka township; Benjamin, of this sketch; Mrs. Emma Kresan, of Frankville. These children were born and reared in Jasper county.

Benjamin F. Deppe was married February 25, 1903, to Anna Stock, who was born in Independence township, this county, October 26, 1882, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education in the public schools. She is the daughter of Frank and Frederika (Boedeker) Stock, the father born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, and the mother in Wisconsin. They are now living in Baxter, he being seventy years old and she sixty.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stock, eight of whom are living, namely: Lena, born August 10, 1870, lives with her parents in Baxter; August, born in 1878, lives in Independence township; Anna, wife of Mr. Deppe, of this sketch; Mrs. Lydia Kanne, born April 20, 1881, lives in Malaka township; William lives in Independence township; Henry, born in 1885, is deceased; Clara lives at home in Baxter; Emma and Lizzie, twins, born in 1890, live with their brother on the home farm in Independence township. These children were born and reared in this township.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Deppe, namely: Reuben A., born November 20, 1905; Edna A., born October 6, 1907. These children were born in Malaka township, and the eldest is attending school here.

Politically, Mr. Deppe is a Republican, and he has been school director in

this community. He and his wife are members of the German Reformed church in Independence township.

Mr. Deppe is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Malaka township, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising successfully. He has a very pleasant and well furnished home and substantial outbuildings.

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#### EDWIN J. GOODWIN.

Independence township, Jasper county, can claim many young enterprising farmers who are adopting the best of the twentieth-century methods of tilling the soil, while on the other hand some seem to prefer clinging to the style of work followed by their forefathers when this country was in its infancy or in the older localities of the Eastern states. Of course, the farmers of fifty and one hundred years ago succeeded, but this was due not so much to their skill as to the fact that the land was fertile, being new, and to their hard labor, persistently applied. None will gainsay that they worked harder than do their descendants of today. It is doubtful if the young husbandmen of this epoch would make more than a bare living should they go back to the simple methods of the early days; the land must be managed differently to get the best results.

One of the scientific farmers of this locality who has succeeded through his ingenuity and close application to advanced methods of agriculture is Edwin J. Goodwin who was born in Pennsylvania, February 11, 1873. He is the son of Dr. Eugene A. and Sarah Louise (Smith) Goodwin, the father born at Hallowell, Maine, April 10, 1831, and the mother was born at Hacketstown, New Jersey, July 8, 1841. They grew up in the East, received their education and were married there, emigrating to Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, in the fall of 1878. The father was a successful physician and for years was one of the best known in this locality. His death occurred in Marshall county, Iowa, on October 18, 1910, and his wife died in Jasper county on April 18, 1904. Doctor Goodwin was graduated from the Long Island Hospital and the New York College of Medicine, also from the University of Michigan College of Medicine, class of 1871, being a colleague of the well known Dr. Perry Engle, mentioned elsewhere in the work. The subject has the two diplomas awarded by these institutions to his father. Doctor Goodwin served in the Civil war, having enlisted in the Ninety-ninth New York

Volunteer Infantry, on June 14, 1861, and after a very praiseworthy record, he was discharged on July 2, 1864. His family consisted of two children: Edwin J., of this sketch, being the sole survivor; the eldest child, a daughter, Mrs. Edith May Atkinson, who was born in Bethlehem, New Jersey, June 23, 1868, died in Des Moines, Iowa, February 17, 1896.

Edwin J. Goodwin was five years old when he came with his parents to Jasper county in 1878 and here he grew to manhood and received his education, and here he has continued to reside. He lived in Newton one year and there attended the public schools, then moved with the family to near Old Baxter and attended the rural schools there. He supplemented his graded school work with two years' study in Highland Park College, Des Moines, in 1896 and 1897, after which he returned to the farm where he has since devoted his energies.

Mr. Goodwin was married on January 23, 1901, to Genevieve A. Cool, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, January 27, 1882. She was reared here, attended the local schools and has always resided in this county. She is the daughter of Peter J. and Lucina B. (Stone) Cool the father born in Freeport, Illinois, July 1, 1852, and the mother was born in Wisconsin, June 16, 1860. He came with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1853 and was one of the pioneers of the county. The parents of Mrs. Goodwin both live in Baxter, a well known and influential family here for over a half century. Their complete sketch is to be found on another page of this work.

Mrs. Goodwin was the third in order of birth in a family of six children, namely: Mrs. Agnes Workman, born December 15, 1878, of Baxter; Mrs. Leota Allen, born August 12, 1880, lives near Baxter; Mrs. Winifred Curveya, born December 16, 1883, is living at Parker, South Dakota; Mrs. Alphonse Gallagher, born August 2, 1887, is living at home; Mrs. Ethel Dodd, born November 30, 1891, lives in Marshall county. All these children were born and reared in Jasper county.

After the death of Mr. Goodwin's sister, he took into his home his niece, Edith May Atkinson, who was born on February 12, 1896, who has been educated in the rural schools of this community and will enter the Baxter high school in the fall of 1912.

Mr. Goodwin owns forty acres of good land in Independence, which he is rapidly placing under modern improvements, and he has a pleasant home. Politically, he is a Republican. He has been secretary of the board of education of Independence township for a number of years. He belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of Baxter. He and his wife are

members of Baxter Temple No. 202, Pythian Sisters, and they are members of the Congregational church at Baxter.

Mrs. Goodwin is a lady of talent along musical lines and for some time has been a popular instructor in that branch of the fine arts, the piano being her specialty, for which she has well qualified herself. In addition to the work with competent teachers in this community, she supplemented this with one year's work in the Grinnell College Conservatory of Music. These are popular young people in all circles of their community, representing as they do a splendid type of our best citizenship.

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#### FRANK KIMBERLEY.

The life of Frank Kimberley, one of the best known stock men and agriculturists of Jasper county, has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and the notably systematic and honorable methods he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence and regard of all who have formed his acquaintance. In looking over the list of worthy citizens of this locality the biographer deems none more worthy of representation in a work of this nature than this honored representative of one of our esteemed pioneer families. He is a man of progressive ideas, plain and straightforward in his relations with his fellow men, obliging and unassuming, which accounts for his universal popularity.

Mr. Kimberley was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, December 20, 1864, and early in life he came with his parents to Jasper county and settled in Clear Creek township, where he has continued to reside, his parents being among the early settlers of the county and among the best known of her citizens. He is the son of Isaiah and Mary Ann (Cleverly) Kimberley, both natives of England, the father born in Coventry, April 14, 1824, and the mother in London, January 12, 1832. The father spent his early life in his native land and emigrated to the United States in 1841 and settled in New York City, where he remained a short time, thence went to Massachusetts, where he lived seven years, then returned to England, where he sojourned six months and returned to New York, and in 1854 he came to Allamakee county, Iowa, and lived there twelve years, removing to Jasper county in 1866 and has lived here ever since. His parents, John and Mary Ade, natives of England, spent their early lives there and there the mother died, the father emigrating to America and the older Kimberley died in Jasper county, Iowa, at

the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Their only other living child besides Isaiah is Elijah, who lives in Nebraska, being now eighty-four years old. William Cleverly, father of Mary Ann Cleverly, a native of Coventry, England, also emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, and died here at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, Rebecca, a native of England, died when Mrs. Isaiah Kimberley was an infant.

To Isaiah Kimberley and wife were born fifteen children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Harriet Swalwell, born in Herkimer county, New York, June 1, 1852, lives in Clear Creek township, this county; John, born in Herkimer county, New York, August 3, 1854, also lives in Clear Creek township; the following seven were born in Allamakee county, Iowa: Ada Angelo, born November 30, 1856, of Maxwell, Iowa; Louisa Jane died when four years old; Ruth Pearson, born September 24, 1860, of Peoria, Iowa; William, born February 28, 1862, of Clear Creek township; Frank, of this review; twins, a son and a daughter, born March 21, 1866, died in infancy; the six following were born in Jasper county, Iowa: Charles, born November 30, 1867, lives on the old home place in Clear Creek township; George, born July 5, 1869, who was educated at Drake University, lives at Little Rock, Arkansas; twins, a son and daughter, born July 8, 1871, died in infancy; Stephen Isaiah, born August 29, 1873, died in infancy; Arthur, born October 10, 1874, died in Jasper county, August 26, 1893.

Isaiah Kimberley, through industry and good management, has secured a competency and he is the owner of one of the large farms of Clear Creek township's choice land. He found a wild prairie when he came here and being without means he worked for some time for very low wages. He has taken a keen interest in the welfare of the community. On May 3, 1911, he and his faithful life companion celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

On March 4, 1894, occurred the marriage of Frank Kimberley and Nettie Bence, who was born in Grundy county, Iowa, December 8, 1875. Her parents, Francis and Mary Ann (Cunningham) Bence, the former a native of New York and the latter of Illinois, are residing at Collins, this county. There were six children in the Bence family, as follows: Elmer lives in Story county, where Mrs. Nellie Grouch also resides; Nettie, wife of Mr. Kimberley, of this review; Lillie died in early life; Lester lives in Bondurant, Iowa; Frank lives in Collins. These children were reared in Marshall county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimberley two sons have been born, Charles Wyatt, born December 29, 1895, is assisting in the care of the home farm; Leroy Francis, born August 10, 1898, died in April, 1901.

Mr. Kimberley has been very successful in a business way, in fact he is one of the largest and best known farmers in central Iowa, and his persistent and straightforward efforts have brought a large measure of success which he deserves, having worked hard and dealt honestly with his fellow men. He and his brother John are the owners of over two thousand acres of choice land in various parts of Iowa, which they manage well and keep under a high state of cultivation. They are also extensive raisers of live stock. Mr. Kimberley, of this review, has one of the finest residences in this locality, modern, well furnished and attractive, and numerous substantial farm buildings on his place. He has every convenience. In his cozy home is to be found a good library and he keeps well informed on current topics. His hospitable home is the frequent gathering place for the many friends of the family.

Politically, Mr. Kimberley is a Democrat. He was an active member of the board of education in his home district for a period of twenty years and he is treasurer of the district at the present time. Mrs. Kimberley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Clear Creek township.

The subject and his brother, mentioned above, secured their start by selling imported horses in this territory. They are among the heaviest horse buyers in this section of Iowa, and are widely known as horsemen, there being no better judge of horses in the country than his brother, J. B. Their fine stock are always greatly admired by all who see them.

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#### GEORGE DIEHL

Among the influential citizens of Baxter, Jasper county, the reader's attention is called to a brief review of the life work of George Diehl, who for over forty years was a resident of this locality, in fact, spent most of his life here, and although his career was not altogether one of smooth sailing, yet he could look back with satisfaction as he recalled the arduous toil performed, the many obstacles overcome and the victories won in his struggles to gain an independent position which he held, but those sturdy traits of his German and Yankee ancestors were inherited by him and exemplified in the determination and perseverance which always characterized him. The present-day prosperity of this locality is largely indebted to the sturdy and indefatigable class of citizens of which the subject was a conspicuous example.

Mr. Diehl was born in Oneida county, New York, April 24, 1859. He was the son of Julius and Elizabeth (Aultman) Diehl, the father born in

Germany and the mother in New York. The former emigrated to America early in life, located in the state of New York and there met and married the subject's mother. They spent their early lives there and about a year after the closing of the Civil war they joined the tide of emigration to the West, locating in Malaka township, Jasper county, Iowa, when their son George, of this review, was seven years of age. There they worked hard to get a start in the new country, and in due course of time had a good home and an excellent farm and there they still reside, the father now nearly eighty years of age. He is a gentleman of splendid characteristics, industrious, honorable and has long borne his full share in the work of developing the interests of this locality.

To Mr. and Mrs. Julius Diehl ten children have been born, four sons and six daughters, namely: Mrs. Dora Riley lives in Des Moines; Mrs. Alice Butler lives in Newton; Mrs. Laura Von Hagen lives near Ira, this county; Mrs. Florence Petermeier and Mrs. Henrietta Butler both live at Newton; Mrs. Maggie Poole lives at Baxter; George, of this sketch; Nicodemus is a resident of the state of Kansas; Charles lives at Turner, Iowa; Harry lives with his parents on the old home farm in Malaka township.

George Diehl grew to manhood on the home farm in Malaka township and there assisted with the general work during the crop seasons, attending the neighboring district schools. In 1899 he was married to Minnie Geise, who was born, reared and educated in Malaka township, this county. She is the daughter of Henry and Louisa (Wegner) Geise, the father born in Germany in 1828, and the mother was also born in the fatherland, in 1829. They spent their childhood in that country, emigrating to America and located in Jasper county, Iowa, in pioneer days, residing at Newton the first two years. They came without capital, but being thrifty had a good home in later years and here they spent the remainder of their lives, both dying at Baxter, he in January, 1907, she having preceded him to the grave in 1902, when seventy years of age. They were the parents of six children, named as follows: Mrs. Etta Shirk, of Iowa City; H. A. lives at Baxter, this county; Fred also resides there; Adolph lives on the home farm in Malaka township; Minnie, wife of the subject of this sketch; Edward makes his home in Newton. To Mr. and Mrs. Diehl has been born one son, Harlan, whose birth occurred on January 28, 1905; he is attending school in Baxter.

Mr. Diehl was very successful in a business way. He followed farming until 1891, when he moved to Baxter and identified himself with the implement business, in which he continued, having built up a large and ever-growing trade with the towns and rural districts of the county, always carry-

ing a full, up-to-date and very carefully selected stock of farming machinery, automobiles, gas-engines, etc. He was the organizer of the Baxter Co-Operative Implement Company. He also owned a number of shares in the State Savings Bank of Baxter.

Mr. Diehl was a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias. He served his second term on the town council in which he made his influence felt for the general good of the community. He died at Baxter on the 28th of December, 1911, leaving his wife, child and many friends to mourn his departure.

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#### JOHN C. KARTCHNER.

The life record of John C. Kartchner, a venerable farmer and honored pioneer of Poweshiek township, Jasper county, demonstrates that the road to positions of influence among men, whatever the relation of life may be, is open to all who may possess the courage to tread its pathway, besides serving as an incentive to the young of the present generation, teaching by incontrovertible facts that true excellence in any worthy undertaking is ambition's legitimate answer. His long and useful life was crowned with much good to himself, his family and his neighbors and the community at large, for he was industrious, honest, broad-minded and kind-hearted, and in the golden evening of his years he could look backward over a well spent career and forward with no apprehension.

Mr. Kartchner was born November 14, 1816, in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, the son of Christopher and Prudence (Wilcox) Kartchner, and there he grew to maturity and attended the old-time schools in the brief winter months, assisting his father during the balance of the year, remaining under his parental roof-tree until he was nine years of age. In 1835 he came to Perry county, Illinois, when that country was new, and there he engaged in farming, also worked in a carriage shop, making springs and became a very proficient workman.

Mr. Kartchner was married in 1846 to Nancy Ash, daughter of Hiram and Susan (Clingman) Ash, who moved from Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, to Illinois in pioneer days, when the subject's wife was fourteen years of age.

Mr. Kartchner came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1846 and began life in typical pioneer fashion, undergoing the usual hardships and privations, but, nothing daunted, he remained and took part in the work of transformation of the wild prairies to fertile farms. He and his wife lived continuously on



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the same farm from 1846 until their deaths. He died on the 20th of June, 1911, and his wife died October 1, 1911. Their residence here thus covered a period of sixty-five years, a remarkable fact. During this time they became well known throughout this part of the county. They had worked hard and in their declining years they had plenty and, what is more to be desired, the good will and friendship of all who knew them, for their lives had been exemplary in every respect and they had been of great service to the community.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kartchner: Susannah married Joseph Scott and they are both deceased; Diadama married John Collins and they live in Poweshiek township; William Henry died when fifteen years of age; Elizabeth Prudence is at home on the old homestead; Frank Marion died in 1900, when forty-one years of age; he was never married; Christopher Columbus, who is yet single, is living in Poweshiek township; Nathan Oliver is single and living on the old homestead, having bought the same. John Wesley married Leaty Woodbury and is living on a farm near Colfax.

John C. Kartchner and his wife were both invalids, but their children took a delight in administering to their every want and they spent their last years serenely, he being in his ninety-fifth year at time of death and she was eighty-seven years old on September 24, 1911.

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#### AUGUST KRAMPE.

As the name would indicate, August Krampe, one of the progressive and thrifty agriculturists and stock raisers of the northern part of Jasper county, is of German ancestry, in fact he is the son of German parents, the family having, however, been residents of our republic for over a half century, and since casting their lot with us have benefited alike themselves and the communities in which they have located in a material way.

August Krampe was born in Johnsonville, Wisconsin, October 20, 1859, but most of his life has been spent in Jasper county, Iowa, he having moved with his parents in March, 1867, to the farm he now occupies in Malaka township. He is the son of Hans Heinrich Krampe and Lonisa (Suelwold) Krampe, both born in the village of Hohenhausen Germany, the father on September 21, 1824, and the mother on March 17th, the same year; they grew up and were married in the fatherland, emigrating to America later in

life and locating at Johnsonville, Wisconsin, when that country was new. The father's death occurred on October 28, 1905, the mother having passed away on June 19, 1897. The paternal grandparents —— and Fredericka Krampe, were born in Hohenhausen, Lippe-Detmold, Germany, the former on November 19, 1798, and the latter on April 9, 1800; his death occurred on April 27, 1886, and she passed away on March 29, 1872.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hans H. Krampe: Henry, who lives in Independence township, Jasper county; Frederick W., born in Johnsonville, Wisconsin, September 24, 1856, died May 25, 1903; Simon lives in Baxter, this county; August, of this review; Minnie; Louisa Klemme, born April 1, 1865, died October 1, 1897. Those deceased are buried in the cemetery of the Bethany German Reformed church in Independence township.

August Krampe grew up at home and attended the common schools. On September 25, 1895, he was united in marriage with Louisa Kanne, who was born in Malaka township, this county, December 27, 1872. Her parents, Henry and Louisa (Paul) Kanne, who were among the early settlers of Jasper county, were born in Germany. The father died in 1910; the mother's birth occurred in Germany and she died October 17, 1911, in Malaka township. Their family consisted of nine children, namely: David, deceased; Minnie Alleman lives in Polk county, Iowa; Levi lives in Malaka township; Fred also lives in this township; Louisa, wife of Mr. Krampe, of this sketch; Louis, Sophia Saak and Lydia Tinnemier all live in Malaka township; Martha Saak lives in Marshall county. All these children but the eldest were born in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Krampe have been born three children, named as follows: Esther R., who was born March 15, 1897, was graduated from the German school in 1911 and is living at home; Albert Leroy, born May 27, 1899; David H., born July 9, 1901; the two latter are attending the public schools near their home. They were all born on the homestead in Malaka township.

Politically, Mr. Krampe is a Republican and he and his family belong to the Bethany German Reformed church of Independence township.

Mr. Krampe has been very successful in his life work and now owns a finely improved and very productive farm of two hundred acres in Malaka township. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has been unusually successful, having accumulated a competency by his own efforts. He is also the owner of ten acres of timber land in Clear Creek township. The home where the family now lives was built by his father forty-five years ago; it is a good,

comfortable and attractive old home, having been re-shingled but once during that time, the care exercised leaving the main part of the building in an excellent state of preservation.

Mr. Krampe is regarded as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of this township.

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#### RUSSELL R. HAMPTON

One of the industrious young farmers of Independence township is Russell R. Hampton, a native son of Jasper county, who has been content to spend the major part of his life here at home. He is known to be the possessor of excellent characteristics and has worthily upheld the dignity of an honored old family name. He was born in Clear Creek township, this county, November 30, 1870, the son of William R. and Sarah Ann (Deeter) Hampton, the father born in Kentucky and died in Gering, Nebraska, on December 5, 1904, at the age of seventy-five years; the mother was born in Pennsylvania and died in Nebraska on December 4, 1903. Their family was large, consisting of twelve children: A son and daughter died in infancy: four sons and six daughters grew to maturity. They are: Theodore lives in Juniata, Nebraska; Mrs. Cornelia Kimberly, born in Clear Creek township, is living in Gering, Nebraska; Mrs. Caroline Hidy lives in Mapleton, Kansas; Dora Adeline died about fifteen years ago; Mrs. Ida Signs lives in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Hulda Porter lives in Towanda, Kansas; Mrs. Jennie Hughes lives at Mapleton, Kansas; Commodore lives at Gering, Nebraska, where William also resides; Russell R., of this review; and Albert, of Gering, Nebraska. These children were all born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, their parents having been among the earliest settlers here, and, being hard workers, established a very comfortable home and became well known in this part of the county.

Russell R. Hampton spent his boyhood in Clear Creek township, and in 1887 he moved with the family to western Nebraska where he grew to manhood and remained until 1900, in the spring of which year he returned to Jasper county and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Independence township where he at once took up farming and here he is meeting with excellent success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has made many modern improvements on the place, including convenient and substantial buildings.

Mr. Hampton was married on March 10, 1897, to Odessa Veach, who was born in Newton township, this county, on February 23, 1878, and here she grew to womanhood and attended the local schools. She is the daughter of James and Martha (Callison) Veach, the father born in Indiana and the mother in Jasper county, Iowa, and here they both still reside. Their family consists of four children, Mrs. Hampton being the only daughter; the sons are, Shelby, born June 26, 1876, is living in Nebraska; James, born November 30, 1880, died May 23, 1906; Charles born October 5, 1882, is living in western Nebraska. These children were all born in Newton township, Jasper county, where their parents were pioneers. They have two photographs, groups, which are of historic note, of four living generations of Mrs. Hampton's paternal and maternal contemporaries.

One child, Leora Fern, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hampton, her birth occurring at Gering, Nebraska, July 25, 1903.

Politically, Mr. Hampton is independent, preferring to vote for the man whom he deems best qualified to discharge the duties of the office sought rather than for the party. He always takes a deep interest in local affairs, but has never aspired to leadership.

Mrs. Hampton is a member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter-Day Saints.

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#### W. J. CRAWFORD.

It is by no means an easy task to describe within the limits of this review a man who has led an active and eminently useful life and by his own exertions reached a position of honor and trust in the line of industries with which his interests are allied. But biography finds justification, nevertheless, in tracing and recording of such a life history, as the public claims a certain property interest in the career of every individual and the time invariably arrives when it becomes advisable to give the right publicity. It is, then, with a certain degree of satisfaction that the chronicler essays the task of touching briefly upon such a record as has been that of W. J. Crawford, long a well-known and influential citizen of Jasper county, who, after a useful and strenuous career, is living retired from the active affairs of life, surrounded by every comfort in his pleasant home in the attractive village of Ira. His course has been that of a broad-minded, honorable and progressive gentleman and he justly merits the high esteem in which he is universally held.

Mr. Crawford, like many of the leading citizens of central Iowa, hails

from the old Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Knox county, Ohio, November 2, 1836. He is the son of Lloyd and Eliza (Culbertson) Crawford, natives of Ohio, the father born in Belleville and he died in Toulon, Illinois, in 1905, and his wife died about forty years ago. They were the parents of two children, W. J. of this review, and Mrs. Martha J. Lawrence, who died in 1871.

The subject of this review was ten years of age when he was taken to Illinois, the family later moving to Indiana, and in 1884 they all came to Jasper county, Iowa, locating at Ira, where the father engaged in the general mercantile business until 1899, becoming widely known over the county and building up an extensive patronage. He established a good home here and accumulated a competency, so he retired from active life in 1899. He was a man of fine business ability, and while living at Leesburg, Indiana, he conducted one of the best flouring mills in the state, which he owned, being a miller of a superior order of ability. He was also an auctioneer of unusual ability. He was a man of industry and integrity.

W. J. Crawford spent his youth at home and assisted his father in his business, and, like him, became a man of large affairs. On June 7, 1871, he was united in marriage with Mary Armsworth, who was born in Leesburg, Indiana, December 23, 1854, the daughter of Willis and Ann (Clifton) Armsworth, the father born in Illinois and his death occurred in 1865 at the age of fifty-four years; the mother was born in Ohio and her death occurred at Ira, Iowa, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, in 1898. Mrs. Crawford was one of a family of three daughters, the other two being Mrs. Martha Boggess and Mrs. Ann Rippey, both deceased. This was a highly honored old family and its members were well known in their respective communities.

Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford as follows: Mrs. Mary Hager, born February 18, 1872, is living in Baxter, this county; Clara, born January 17, 1873, married J. H. Crawford, a resident of Independence township; and Mrs. Anna Bossout, born January 11, 1875, is living at Fraser, Iowa. These children were born in Indiana, but reared in Jasper county, Iowa.

Mr. Crawford learned various lines of business under his father and his business history has been a diversified one; however, the lumber business claimed his special attention for a number of years, and he was adequately rewarded in whatever he turned his attention to. He has invested his savings in bank stock and other good securities, and, having withdrawn from actual business life, is enjoying a well earned respite. He owns an attractive, modernly equipped and tastily kept home in Ira.

In political matters Mr. Crawford votes independently, as is the custom of so many of our present-day broad-minded Americans, who have become disgusted with the appalling large number of grafters and crooks that obtain public office through all the leading parties. He has long manifested a lively interest in local affairs, and he ably performed the duties of postmaster of Ira for a number of years, giving satisfaction to the department and to the local patrons of the office.

Mr. Crawford in his fraternal relations belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, and Unit Lodge No. 519, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter, having filled all the chairs of the same. Mrs. Crawford belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### FREDERICK ORION PRICE, D. D. S.

One of the best known and most successful dentists in Jasper county is Dr. Frederick Orion Price, of Baxter, a man who has left no stone unturned whereby he could perfect himself in his chosen line of endeavor, and, being a conscientious and genteel gentleman, he has won the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of patrons and friends.

Mr. Price was born in State Center township, Marshall county, Iowa, June 3, 1872. He is the son of William Owens Price and Martha (Tramel) Price, the father born in Pennsylvania, August 15, 1832, and he died in Jasper county, Iowa, July 7, 1890; the mother was born in St. Joseph county, Indiana, January 28, 1833, and is living in Ira, this county. Her father, W. A. B. Tramel, was one of the earliest settlers in this county. A history of the Tramel family will be found in the sketch of William Alexander Tramel in this work. There were five children in the Price family, named as follows: Walter, born July 19, 1860, is residing near Sunnyside, Washington; Mrs. Caroline D. Jackson, born October 2, 1862, is living in Ware county, Georgia; William, born November 9, 1866, is cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank at Ira, Iowa; Herman K., born March 25, 1869, is living near Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Frederick Orion, of this sketch. All these children were born in Marshall county with the exception of Caroline, whose birth occurred in Jasper county.

William Owens Price, father of the subject, was a soldier in the Union army, having enlisted for service in August, 1862, from Marshalltown, in Company K, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until

near the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability.

In 1875 the Price family moved to Riverside, California, and remained there until the spring of 1880 when they returned to the central part of Iowa, locating on a farm near Ira, where most of the early life of Dr. Frederick O. was spent. He attended the country schools, later taking a commercial course in Highland Park College, at Des Moines. He then entered Northwestern University at Chicago, completing the course in the dental department, graduating with the class of 1902, having made an excellent record. Thus well equipped for his life work, he located at Storm Lake, Iowa, where he remained until the fall of 1906, enjoying an excellent practice, then he moved to Colo, Iowa, where he remained until the spring of 1909. Leaving this place, he traveled in the West, but finding no place so attractive as central Iowa he returned to Jasper county, locating at Baxter, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice, which is constantly growing. He has a neat office, equipped with every modern appliance to insure rapid and modern work.

Doctor Price was married on February 11, 1903, to Margaret Buck, who was born in State Center township, Marshall county, Iowa, April 22, 1876. She was a graduate of the State Center high school and she studied music at Grinnell College and at Lincoln, Nebraska. For many years she was one of the most successful music teachers in this part of the state, having large classes at State Center, Colo., Rhodes, Melbourne and Collins. She was talented in this direction and was very popular with her pupils and a wide circle of friends. She was the daughter of Marcus Aurelius and Lucia (Wilkins) Buck, the father born in Vermont, as was also the mother. Mr. Buck and his family came to State Center, Iowa, in an early day and there he died and there Mr. Buck still resides. They were the parents of the following children: Carroll lives at Iowa Falls; George is deceased; Everett lives in Washington township, Marshall county; Mrs. Mary Wensel, of State Center; Ralph A., also of State Center; Mrs. Myra Havenhill, of Lawrence, Kansas; Margaret, who married Doctor Price, of this sketch; Harry, of St. Anthony, Iowa; Nellie lives with her mother in State Center.

To Doctor Price and wife, one daughter, Nellie Maurine, was born, her birth occurring at Storm Lake, Iowa, December 21, 1903. She lives with her aunt and grandmother at State Center.

Mrs. Dr. Price was called to her rest on September 10, 1906. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at State Center, Iowa.

Politically, the Doctor is a Republican, and he belongs to Columbia Lodge No. 298, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Colo, Iowa. Personally, he is a genial and companionable gentleman.

## HARRISON W. PERRY

There can be no impropriety in scanning the acts of any man as they affect his public, social and business relations, so in this biographical work will be found mention of worthy citizens of all vocations, and at this juncture we are permitted to offer a resume of the career of one of the substantial and highly esteemed representatives of the agricultural interests of Independence township, Jasper county, where he has maintained his home for the past quarter of a century and where he has not only attained a high degree of success in his chosen field of labor and enterprise, but also established an imperishable reputation for uprightness in all the relations of life.

Mr. Perry was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 27, 1849, but most of his life has been spent in Iowa, he having come to Marshall county with the family in an early day. He is the son of James and Elizabeth (Wilson) Perry, the father born in Belmont county, Ohio, January 1, 1818, and there the birth of the mother occurred on March 19th of the same year. There they grew up and were married, subsequently moving to Bureau county, Illinois, and there lived some time, and it was there that the mother's death occurred on May 27, 1864. Later the father came to Washington township, Marshall county, Iowa, where his death occurred September 12, 1873. They were the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom died in infancy, namely: Mary Evelyn Ogan, born September 9, 1842, is living in Marshalltown, Iowa; she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding on January 1, 1911; Mrs. Sarah Lutica Thorne, born April 1, 1845, died at Rhodes, Iowa, February 25, 1905; Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Pyle, born October 17, 1846, lives at Melbourne, this county; Harrison Wilson, subject of this sketch; John Hamilton, born May 8, 1857, lives at Melbourne; William Clinton also lives at Melbourne, Marshall county, Iowa, his birth having occurred on March 22, 1856.

Harrison W. Perry, of this review, moved with his family from Marshall county to Independence township, Jasper county, in 1886, and they have been successful in transforming what was then considered a wilderness into a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres, of as valuable and productive land as this portion of the county offers, and here they still reside, having a large, pleasant home and many good outbuildings, and here general farming and stock raising are successfully carried on, the family having become well established.

Mr. Perry was married in 1874 to Minerva Barbee, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on December 25, 1853. Her parents, John and Olive (Newton) Barbee, being among the earliest settlers of the county, having

taken up their residence in the vicinity of Newton when there were but a few houses there, and here they spent the balance of their lives, having become well known, the father's death occurring here when about seventy-four years of age and the mother was seventy years old when she died. There were eleven children in the Barbee family, six of whom are living, namely: Jane Perin, of Independence township; Wesley, of Independence, Missouri; Christopher lives at Ira, this county; Minerva, wife of Mr. Perry, of this review; Mrs. Thurston, of Minneapolis; Harrison lives in Clear Creek township. These children were reared in this county.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. Perry, named as follows: Mary died when five years of age; Mrs. Mattie Gipson, born January 21, 1877, lives in Independence township; Marshall, born in Laurel, Iowa, in May, 1878, is living at home; Mrs. Edith Jones, born August 4, 1883, is living in Clear Creek township; Oscar, born in May, 1886, is living in Independence township; Odessa was born May 14, 1894, and is living at home. The older children were born in Marshall county and the younger ones in Jasper county.

Politically, Mr. Perry is a Democrat and while he has never aspired to be a leader of his party or the beneficiary of the emoluments of public office, he has always stood ready to assist in any movement having for its object the general upbuilding of the community whose interests he has at heart. He and his wife are worthy members of the Reorganized Church of the Latter-Day Saints.

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#### ISAAC M. DAWSON.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor and has been the pivotal industry that has controlled for the most part all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. In a civilized community no calling is so certain of yielding a compensatory return as that which is culled from a kindly soil, albeit the husbandman at times is sorely taxed in coaxing from mother earth all that he desires or even expects; yet she is a kind mother and seldom chastens with disappointment the child whose diligence and frugality she deems it but just should be rewarded. The Dawson family, of which Isaac M. and his son, Francis M., now living in Independence township, Jasper county, are most creditable representatives, have been, it would seem, specially favored by Ceres, supposed to be, according to the ancient mythologies, the

goddess of husbandry, having charge of crops, especially grains; for they have been known as among the most successful agriculturists of Story and Jasper county, where their operations have been confined since pioneer days.

Isaac M. Dawson was born in Indian Creek township, Story county, Iowa, March 21, 1867, and with the exception of two years spent in Dakota, and two in Des Moines, he has always been a resident of Story and Jasper counties. His parents, Cyrus P. and Frances (Bomberger) Dawson, were natives of Hancock county, Ohio, the father born on August 26, 1834, and the mother on March 31, 1831. There they grew to maturity, received what education they could in the old-time schools and were married, beginning life on the farm. They came to Iowa in 1854 and located here in 1856. The father died in Des Moines on September 4, 1869, and the mother, now advanced in years, is making her home with her son, Isaac M., of this review. Her family consisted of five children, one of whom is deceased, namely: Mrs. Mary M. Cross, born August 27, 1856, lives in Independence township, this county; Mrs. Martha Lones, born February 27, 1859; Mrs. Jemima Cross, born June 28, 1861, lives in Woonsocket, South Dakota; Mrs. Rebecca E. Cross, born November 9, 1863, lives in Madison county, Iowa; and Isaac M., of this sketch.

Isaac M. Dawson grew up on the home farm and assisted with the general work about the place during the summer months when he became of proper age, and he received his education in the schools of his home district. On December 25, 1888, he was united in marriage with Lillie F. Parish, who was born at Belvidere, Winnebago county, Illinois, February 7, 1868, and in 1870, when she was two years of age, she came with her parents, Lucian L. and Anna (Francis) Parish, to Iowa and they located in Black Hawk county. The father, who was a native of Connecticut, is now residing in Nebraska, the mother having died in Story county, Iowa, October 23, 1910; she was born in England, emigrating to the United States in early life. The Parishes became well established on a farm in Black Hawk county. This family consisted of three sons and six daughters, as follows: Frank L., born September 4, 1856, is residing at Redwood Falls, Minnesota; George was born in 1858 and died in infancy; Henry L., born December 12, 1860, is living in Cascade, South Dakota; Mrs. Hattie Lint, born March 12, 1863, lives at Maxwell, Iowa; Mrs. Nettie M. Cooper, born October 6, 1865, lives at Mitchell, Nebraska; Lillie F., wife of Mr. Dawson of this review; Mrs. Anna B. Budrow, born August 1, 1871, died January 14, 1899; Mrs. Mattie E. Kellum, born August 20, 1873, lives at Caldwell, Nebraska; Grace E. who was born February 16, 1877, lives in Pasadena, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dawson have been born four sons as follows: Francis M., born in Story county, August 11, 1891, received a good common school education and has devoted his life to farming and his efforts have been crowned with a large measure of success, although he is but now merging into his majority, but he gives much promise of a successful business man, and is assisting his father with the general farming and stock raising on the home place. The other children in this family were named in the following order: Freddie E., born July 14, 1894, died November 24th of that year; Royal R., born December 17, 1902, died December 14, 1903; Morris, born in Dakota, March 21, 1906.

Isaac M. Dawson brought his family from Dakota to Jasper county in 1906 and purchased one hundred and thirty-nine acres of productive and well located land in Independence township, upon which he has erected modern and substantial improvements, and they are making a success in diversified farming and stock raising. He has a substantial and pleasant home and such out-buildings and up-to-date farming implements as his needs require.

Politically, Mr. Dawson is a Republican and he has been school director and road supervisor. Both he and his son, Francis M., are members of the Yeomen lodge at Baxter. This family has not only secured a competency since locating here, but they have made a host of friends and are highly respected throughout the county.

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#### FRED D. CONNELLY.

One of the wide-awake and enterprising young farmers of Independence township, Jasper county, who is eminently deserving of the esteem in which he is held is Fred D. Connelly, a man of strong convictions, ever ready to maintain the soundness of his opinions on any subject, but is never unreasonable in his views, political or otherwise, according every man the same rights which he claims for himself. He is energetic in all affairs pertaining to the general good of the community.

Mr. Connelly was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on November 21, 1876, and here he grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools: however, being the son of a pioneer, he did not receive such educational advantages as one might wish, there being only limited opportunities of attending school in the days when he was a boy, though he has since made up for this lack by wide miscellaneous home reading. So he

grew up inured to the privations of life in an early settlement, and the rigid discipline he received then has doubtless done him a world of good in subsequent life.

Mr. Connelly is the son of H. C. and Mary C. (Kline) Connelly, the father born in Fulton county, Illinois, and the mother near Hagerstown, Maryland. The former spent his early boyhood in his native state, moving to Marshall county, Iowa, when he was about fifteen years old, thence to Jasper county where he established a good home and spent the balance of his life, dying in Independence township on October 24, 1902. The mother moved with her parents to Iowa when a small girl and grew up in Clear Creek township, where they settled. Her death occurred in Independence township, Jasper county, on January 24, 1904. H. C. Connelly was an honored veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted from Marshall county in the Union army in Company K, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in August, 1862, and he served faithfully until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Connelly, all born in Clear Creek township; they were named as follows: Cynthia, the eldest, died in infancy; Charles H., who lives on a farm in Independence township; Mary L. Perin, of Independence township; W. W. lives in Des Moines; Hattie A. Logan, of Colfax, Iowa; Fred D., of this review; Cyrus A., of Des Moines; Rollie A., of Independence township; Jessie B. died when four years of age; Curtis M. of Independence township; James died in infancy.

Fred D. Connelly assisted with the general work on the home farm when a boy, and he has made farming his life work, now owning twenty acres in Independence township on which he makes a good living.

Mr. Connelly was married on November 1, 1902, to Carrie Perin, who was born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, December 24, 1882. She here grew to womanhood and received her education in the common school. She is the daughter of Henry L. and Almira (Porter) Perin, the father born in Indiana and the mother in Scott county, Iowa. They are residing at Baxter, Jasper county, and are mentioned elsewhere in this work. There were five children in the Perin family, all living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Connelly one daughter has been born, Leora Irene, whose birth occurred on January 6, 1905. She is attending the rural schools of her neighborhood, and is a bright and winsome little lassie, the light of the pleasant home of the Connells and a favorite with all who knew her.

Politically, Mr. Connelly is a Republican, but he has never taken a very active interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Baxter camp of the

Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Connelly takes a great delight in his home, and while he believes in having the necessities and some of the luxuries of life he does not believe in making dollars the sole aim of life, there being much that is higher.

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#### GUSTAV A. HAGER.

Improvement and progress may well be said to form the keynote of the character of Gustav A. Hager, well known merchant of Baxter and one of Jasper county's representative citizens, and he has not only been interested in the work of advancement of individual affairs, but his influence is felt in the upbuilding of the community which has so long been honored by his citizenship. The prosperity which he enjoys is the result of energy rightly applied and has been won by commendable qualities.

Mr. Hager was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, April 14, 1865. He is the son of Simon Hager, who was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, in 1825, in which locality was also born, on August 18, 1827, the mother of the subject, she being known in her maidenhood as Minnie Dalbameier. There they grew up and were married, coming to the United States in early life and spending their last days in Jasper county, Iowa, the father dying in Independence township in 1876 and the mother on September 21, 1895. There were seven children in their family as follows: William, born January 23, 1857, is living in Baxter, Iowa; Lizzie is the wife of H. A. Geise, of Independence township; George T., born September 11, 1860, of Baxter; L. A., born December 4, 1864, died in Santa Barbara, California, September 20, 1909; Gustav A., of this review; Helen died in infancy; Lydia, born in Jasper county on December 2, 1875, lives in Santa Barbara, California.

Gustav A. Hager was educated in the common schools and early in life turned his attention to business and has been very successful, being now a member of the well known firm of Hager Brothers, dealers in pianos and organs at Baxter, this county. They maintain a neat and well ordered store, carrying a large, up-to-date and carefully selected stock of instruments and enjoy an extensive and constantly growing patronage with the surrounding country. They have long been regarded as among the most progressive merchants of this thriving little city and have been among its most successful firms.

Mr. Hager has a modern and well furnished home in Baxter. Politically,

he is a Republican and a member of the German Reformed church of this township.

Mr. Hager was married on March 13, 1895, to Mary L. Crawford, who was born in Leesburg, Indiana, February 18, 1872, and this union has been graced by the birth of one child, Raymond Gustav Hager, born November 6, 1898, a promising lad, now attending school at Baxter.

Mrs. Hager is the daughter of W. J. Crawford, who, after a long and useful life, is now living retired in this county. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, November 2, 1836, the son of Lloyd and Eliza (Culbertson) Crawford, both natives of Ohio, from which state they moved to Illinois when their son, W. J., was a boy, the family later moving to Indiana and in 1884 came to Jasper county, Iowa, locating at Ira where the father engaged in general merchandising until 1899 when he retired. On July 7, 1871, W. J. Crawford was united in marriage with Mary Armsworth, who was born in Leesburg, Indiana, December 23, 1854, the daughter of Willis and Ann (Clifton) Armsworth, the father born in Illinois and the mother in Ohio; they came to Iowa later in life, locating in Jasper county, the father dying in 1865 and the mother in 1898. Mrs. Crawford was one of a family of three daughters, the others being, Mrs. Martha Boggess and Mrs. Ann Rippey, both deceased. Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford: Mary L., wife of Mr. Hager of this sketch; Clara, born January 17, 1873, married J. H. Crawford, a resident of Independence township; and Mrs. Anna Bossout, born January 11, 1875, and living at Fraser, Iowa.

W. J. Crawford was for years one of our leading business men, having been engaged for the most part in handling lumber, finally investing his savings in bank stocks and other securities and is now enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil, and is one of the honored citizens of the town of Ira.

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#### WILLIAM J. BYAL.

"Agriculture is the oldest of all alchemy," says a distinguished writer, "for it turns earth and even refuse into gold and confers upon its cultivator the additional reward of health." This oldest of human vocations and noblest of them all has been honored by the successful career of William J. Byal, one of the enterprising and public spirited citizens of Clear Creek township. His career contains few mistakes and abounds in much that is honorable and of good report, containing the record of an untarnished name and a character above reproach which is much more to be desired than great riches.

Mr. Byal was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, February 15, 1870, grew to manhood here, received his education in the local public schools, which he attended during the winter months and assisted with the general work on the farm during the crop season, in fact he has continued to be identified with the agricultural life of the community in which he grew to manhood. He is the son of William Byal, a well known citizen of this locality, who is referred to elsewhere in this work in the sketch of Henry Byal.

William J. Byal was married on February 12, 1896, to Mittie A. Miller, who was born in Indiana, February 7, 1872, but most of her life was spent in Jasper county, whither she was brought by her parents when she was five years old, in 1877. She is the daughter of E. J. and Martha (Murphy) Miller, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania. They grew up and were married in the East and emigrated to this county while it was undergoing its first important period of development, established a good home, and they are still living in Clear Creek township.

There were three children in the Miller family, of whom Mrs. Byal is the eldest; the others are, Mrs. Francis J. Rippey, born March 25, 1874, lives in Independence township; and Jesse Pearl, born September 1, 1879, lives in Saco, Montana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Byal four children have been born, all in Clear Creek township, and they were named as follows: Geneva born October 20, 1897, died March 12, 1905; Wilda, born June 9, 1900; Roscoe, born August 29, 1906; Hugh, born August 24, 1910.

Mr. Byal is the owner of one of the choice farms of Clear Creek township, consisting of two hundred and forty acres, which he has kept under an excellent state of improvement and cultivation and which ranks with the best farms in this portion of the county. He keeps an excellent grade of live stock of all kinds, and his home is modern, attractive and well furnished and he has a substantial group of outbuildings. Through good management, persistent effort and honorable dealings with his fellow men he has secured a competency and at the same time won the confidence and respect of all who know him.

Politically, Mr. Byal is a Republican, but he has never taken a very active interest in public matters. His father was for a number of years a member of the board of supervisors of Jasper county. The wife of the subject belongs to the Christian church at Ira, and they both belong to the Rebekahs at Mingo. In addition, Mr. Byal is a member of Mingo Lodge No. 174, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Unity Lodge No. 520, of Baxter.

## JOHN NEWCOMER.

There is no positive rule for achieving success, and yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize the opportunity that came in his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly, and when one man passes another on the highway of life to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out in life before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. Today among the progressive and prominent agriculturists and stock men of Jasper county stands John Newcomer. The qualities of keen discrimination, sound judgment and executive ability enter very largely into his makeup and have been contributing elements to the material success which has come to him.

Like many of the leading citizens of Jasper county, Mr. Newcomer hails from the old Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1846, the son of Jacob and Catherine (Hostetter) Newcomer, both natives of Pennsylvania, and their parents were also born in that state, the paternal grandparents, Joseph and Fannie Newcomer, and the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine Hostetter, all having spent practically their lives in that state. The parents of the subject grew up and were married in their home state, where they spent their lives on a farm of ninety acres. Jacob Newcomer was a quiet, home man, and spent his life looking after his individual affairs. His family consisted of six children, five of whom are living. Jacob Newcomer was born in 1809 and his death occurred on March 4, 1861; his wife was born in March, 1809, and her death occurred on November 2, 1876. The latter finally came to Jasper county, Iowa, and spent her last days with her children here.

John Newcomer, of this review, was educated in the common schools of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and reared on the home farm, which he assisted in developing. In 1860, when eighteen years of age, he came to Illinois, but remained there only a year, when he moved to Iowa, and when he became of legal age he bought a farm, in the summer of 1868, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres in Hickory Grove township. It was on the raw prairie and he set to work breaking the tenacious sod and erecting fences, and in a short time had his fields yielding abundantly and a very comfortable home, having put up all the buildings and, prospering by hard work and good management, he added to his original holdings until he is now the owner of seven hundred and twenty acres of choice land in Jasper and Poweshiek coun-

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ties. In connection with general farming, he has been an extensive stock raiser and it has long been his custom to feed a car load or two of cattle annually. He is an excellent judge of live stock of all kinds and his farm is always kept in an up-to-date condition.

Politically, Mr. Newcomer is loyal to the Republican party and he has been a leader in local affairs for a quarter of a century. He was constable of his township, first, twenty-five or thirty years ago; then he was township trustee and later discharged the duties of assessor for five years, and he has been school treasurer for twenty-four years. This is certainly evidence enough of his high standing in the community and of the confidence of his fellow citizens. He has ever looked after the affairs of the township with the same care and tact that has characterized his individual affairs. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

On September 2, 1870, Mr. Newcomer was married to Laura Sisco, a native of Illinois, to which state she had come with her parents, Oliver and Relly Sisco, and there the parents spent the remainder of their lives. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer, namely: Alma is the wife of Richard Burroughs; Arthur C. married Gertie Chenoweth; Charles O., who married Grace Breeden; Eddie M. married Nellie Burroughs; Chester J. is single and living at home.

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#### LEVI H. KANNE.

One of the public-spirited citizens of Malaka township, Jasper county, who withholds his co-operation from no movement which is intended to promote public improvement is Levi H. Kanne. What he has achieved in life proves the force of his character and illustrates his steadfastness of purpose. His advancement to a position of credit and honor in the various circles of his locality is the direct outcome of his own persistent and worthy labors, and it would be hard to find a more congenial gentleman in this vicinity.

Mr. Kanne was born in Malaka township, this county, on February 17, 1868, and here he grew to manhood on the home place, received his education in the public schools and has always been identified with agricultural pursuits in his home community. He is the son of Henry and Louisa (Paul) Kanne, both born in Germany, the father on September 10, 1834, and the mother in the province of Lippe-Detmold, on November 17, 1840. They grew up and

were married in the fatherland and from there emigrated to the United States, being among the early settlers of Malaka township, Jasper county, Iowa, where, by hard work, economy and honest dealings, they became well established, owning finally four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in Malaka township, and eighty acres in Independence township, besides ten acres of timber land in Clear Creek township. They placed this land under excellent improvements, there being three sets of buildings. The elder Kanne carried on farming on an extensive scale and became one of the substantial men of this part of the county, all through his individual efforts, with the help and encouragement of his faithful life companion, both being people of superior ability in many ways. They spent the rest of their lives here, the father dying October 14, 1901, and the mother October 17, 1911.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kanne eight children were born; they were natives of Malaka township and were reared and educated here; their names are as follows: Mrs. Minnie Alleman, born December 10, 1866; Levi H., of this review; Fred, born April 24, 1870, lives in Malaka township; Mrs. Louisa Krampe, who is mentioned in another part of this volume; Lonis, born October 15, 1875, of Malaka township; Mrs. Sophia Saak, of Malaka township; Mrs. Lydia Tinnermier lives in Mariposa township; Mrs. Martha Saak lives in Logan township, Marshall county, Iowa.

Levi H. Kanne, of this sketch, was married on June 24, 1806, to Mattie Harre, who was born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, on April 10, 1875, a member of one of the best families of the county, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education. Mrs. Kanne is the daughter of Fred and Wilhelmina (Meierkort) Harre, both born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, the father on June 4, 1830, and the mother on October 3, 1848, and there they spent their early years, emigrating to Jasper county, Iowa, when this country was being transformed from the wild prairie and here they became very well established and are now living in the town of Baxter. They lived a number of years in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, before coming to Iowa, and there the four elder of their eight children were born, the four younger being born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa; they are all still living, and bear the following names: Mrs. Emma Kracht lives in Baxter; Fred is a resident of Pleasanton, Nebraska; Mrs. Pauline Geise, born October 3, 1864, lives in Malaka township, this county; Otto, born December 2, 1870, lives in Eden township, Marshall county; Albert, born August 13, 1873, is living at Waverly, Iowa; Mattie, wife of Mr. Kanne, of this sketch; Mrs. Clara Hager, born October 30, 1877, lives in Baxter; William, born August 29, 1879.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kanne have been born two children, Clarence R., born April 26, 1900, and Aleta, born September 2, 1902, who are attending school in their home community.

The valuable Kanne estate was divided in 1912, and one hundred and sixty acres of choice land with its excellent improvements, elegant modern home and beautiful furnishings came into possession of the subject and wife, and here they are making a success of general farming and stock raising.

Politically, Mr. Kanne is a Republican and he has been a member of the school board of Independence township. This family are members of the German Reformed church of this township. The Kannes have been among the most provident and successful families of this locality and have always stood high in the various circles in which they moved.

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#### VIRGIL BLACKLEDGE.

Success is only achieved by the exercise of certain distinguishing qualities and it cannot be retained without effort. Those by whom great epoch changes have been made in the political and industrial world began early in life to prepare themselves for their peculiar duties and responsibilities, and it was only by the most persevering and continuous endeavor that they succeeded in rising superior to the obstacles in their way and reaching the goal of their ambition. Such lives are an inspiration to others who are less courageous. Judging from the record Virgil Blackledge, of Newton, Jasper county, is making, he has carefully laid the foundation for large future success, some of which he has already achieved.

Mr. Blackledge was born in Buena Vista township, this county, on July 16, 1875, and he is the son of Oliver J. and Ernestine (Turk) Blackledge, a well known pioneer family of this county, having lived on a farm here for forty-eight years, then moved to Oregon where he engaged in the furniture business and there he still resides. His wife was the daughter of Peter and Mary Turk. The only child born to Oliver J. Blackledge and wife, Virgil, of this review. He grew up on the home farm and assisted with the general work about the place during his boyhood and received his education in the public schools. He was married on January 18, 1898 to Bernice Tool, the daughter of John and Rebecca Tool, of this county. To this union one daughter was born, Lela Blackledge, whose birth occurred on March 17, 1900; she is now in school.

The subject was again married on September 4, 1904, to Myrtle Hayes, also born in this county, the date of her birth being May 14, 1884. She is the daughter of Andrew J. and Emeline Hayes, a well known family of Jasper county, having lived on a farm here for a number of years. To this last union these children were born: Ernestine, September 20, 1905; Imogene, born December 21, 1906; June, born July 30, 1909; Jesse V., born August 24, 1910, and Mary, born November 30, 1911.

Virgil Blackledge took up farming for a livelihood and followed this line of endeavor with success up to 1905, in which year he moved to Newton, where he became associated with the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, and he has since been engaged in this work with very gratifying results and with eminent satisfaction to his company, who regarded him as one of the most faithful and trusted employees.

Mr. Blackledge has been a member of the Methodist church, with which he united in 1893, the Mt. Zion church of his home neighborhood. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, Newton Lodge No. 59, and politically, he is a Republican, but he has never been an aspirant for political honors.

Mr. Blackledge has been very successful in a business way. He has owned three good farms in this county, first the Dan Mathers farm about four miles west of Galesburg, this county; selling this, he purchased the Wilson Thompson place in Buena Vista township. Then he sold out and bought the old James Wright place in the same township. Upon moving to Newton he sold the farm and purchased an excellent residence property at the corner of Plum and Market streets, which he has since sold.

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#### PETER BURKEY.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record. By a few general observations may be conveyed some idea of the characteristics and worthy career of Peter Burkey, for years a well known hardware merchant at Baxter, Jasper county, who is now living in honorable retirement in his pleasant home there having, through his industry and perseverance, accumulated a competency. He has pursued the even tenor of his way in a quiet and unostentatious manner which never courts publicity, attending strictly to his own affairs, doing the right as he understands it and keeping his conscience void of offense toward God and man. It is not a matter of wonderment that the elements of a solid and practical nature,

which unite in his composition, should win him a conspicuous place in business circles of his community when we learn that he comes of a sterling Swiss ancestry, a family that believed not only in keeping busy along legitimate lines of endeavor, but also in living up to the high standard of citizenship in every respect.

Mr. Burkey was born in Sauk county, Wisconsin, October 12, 1857. He is the son of Chris and Margaret (Alleman) Burkey, both natives of Switzerland where they spent their earlier years, finally emigrating to Wisconsin, thence moving to Iowa, after a residence of several years in the former state, and the father's death occurred in Polk county, Iowa, in 1887, and there the mother is still living, being now advanced in years. They were the parents of twelve children, four of whom are still living, Peter, of this sketch, being the eldest; George lives in Sheldahl, Iowa; Herman is engaged in the hardware business at Sheldahl, and he also owns the home place near that town; Mrs. Mary Engstrom lives in Sheldahl. These children were reared in Polk county and received their educational training there. The other eight died in infancy and childhood.

Peter Burkey was reared on the home farm and there he worked in the fields when quite young, being the oldest of the family and finding plenty to do in a new country. He was married on November 1, 1880, to Etta Deppe, who was born in Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, September 17, 1857, the daughter of Adolph and Minnie (Schrader) Deppe, both natives of Germany where they grew up and from there emigrated to Iowa in an early day, and established a good home in Jasper county, and here the death of the father occurred in 1884; his widow is still living at Baxter. The father helped lay the foundation of the old court house at Newton. There were six children in the Deppe family, all living at this writing, namely: Etta, wife of Mr. Burkey, of this sketch, is the eldest; Mrs. Mary Krampe lives in Baxter; William lives in Malaka township; Edward also lives in Malaka township; Benjamin, whose sketch appears in this work; Mrs. Emma Kiesau, lives at Frankville. These children were born and reared in Jasper county, their parents being among the pioneer settlers here.

After his marriage Mr. Burkey moved to Sheldahl, thence to Malaka township, in 1889. He came to Baxter, where he has since resided. For two years he worked at the carpenter's trade, then entered the hardware and furniture business which he continued successfully, enjoying a large trade with the surrounding country, until March 11, 1911, when he retired from the active affairs of business, having by his diligence and fair dealing accumulated a com-

petency. He owns two hundred acres of choice, well improved land in Independence township, and has a large, modernly furnished home in Baxter.

Politically, Mr. Burkey is a Republican, and he has been a member of the town council, and he and his wife belong to the German Reformed church in Independence township.

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#### HENRY NOAH.

For many years a resident of Jasper county, Iowa, Henry Noah, one of the highly esteemed and thrifty Germans of this locality whose interests he has ever had at heart, and who has, while advancing his own welfare, done much toward promoting the civic, industrial and moral tone of the vicinity, is deemed especially worthy of mention in a biographical work of this nature. His career has been one of hard work and integrity, of fidelity to our institutions and wholesome living, consequently he is deserving of the respect in which he is held by everyone.

Mr. Noah was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, in 1847, and there he grew to manhood, migrating to America when twenty years old, landing on our shores with less than an even start in material affairs, but with a determination to succeed and with a courage that recognizes no discouragement. His first place of residence in the New World was in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he remained six years, then came to Malaka township, Jasper county, Iowa, where he engaged successfully in farming for a period of twenty-seven years. He left the farm in July, 1902, and entered the milling business at Baxter, in partnership with August Hager, which they have continued to operate to the present time with ever-increasing success. They have one of the best and most modernly equipped mills in this part of the state. Louis Noah, his father, was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, and his mother, Lottie Noah, was also born in the fatherland. There they grew up and were married, finally emigrating to America, both dying in Wisconsin, where they spent the latter part of their lives. There were six children in their family, of whom Henry, of this sketch, was the eldest; the others being, August, Adolph, Simon, Mrs. Elvina France, all of whom live in Wisconsin, and Louisa, who died in early life.

Henry Noah was married in 1870 to Frederika Schniller, who was born in Wisconsin, February 25, 1849. She is the daughter of Frederick and Frederika (Boklin) Schniller, both natives of Germany, where they spent their early lives, eventually emigrating to America, and the father died in Nebraska,

and the mother's death occurred in Wisconsin. There were ten children in the Schniller family.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noah have been born thirteen children, named as follows: Lydia died in infancy; Clara lives in Portland, Oregon; Anna died young; Selma lives at home; Calvin, born March 31, 1877, lives at Baxter, Iowa; Alma died aged twenty-seven years; Elvina lives in Baxter; John lives in Portland, Oregon; Rosa is teaching in the public schools of Jasper county and lives in Baxter; Mrs. Mary Raridon lives in Sherman township; Meta is teaching school in Jasper county and lives at home. These children were reared in this county and were educated in the local schools, three having graduated from the Baxter high school. Rosa attended the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls.

Politically, Mr. Noah is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to be a public man. He and his family belong to the German Reformed church of Independence township. Mr. Noah has been very successful in a business way, both as a general farmer and mill man, and he has secured a competency through his own efforts. The family stands high in the social life of this township.

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#### LOUIE SAAK.

One of the most active, thoroughgoing and enterprising young farmers of Malaka township, Jasper county, is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this biographical notice, a representative of one of the highly esteemed old families of this locality whose worthy record he has sought to keep unsullied, his integrity and industry having ever been unquestioned. He has succeeded at his chosen life work because he has tried to do well whatever he deemed worth doing at all, nothing in a half-hearted manner and he has also been quick to adopt the most approved methods in his work.

Louie Saak was born in Newton, Iowa, September 15, 1874, and all of his life has been spent in this community, his parents having been early settlers here. He is the son of Herman and Elnora (Reineke) Saak, both born in Germany, the father in Lippe-Detmold. There they spent their early days and were married, and from there they emigrated to America, coming direct to Jasper county, Iowa, where they made an humble start, but not being afraid of hard work they in time had a good home and lived comfortably, making their home at present in a pleasant dwelling in Baxter. In their family were seven children, five of whom are living, named as follows: Mrs. Minnie

Wehrman is deceased; Louie of this review; Herman lives in Malaka township; Edward is deceased; Mrs. Anna Tinnemier lives in Malaka township; William lives in Marshall county; Henry lives in Malaka township. They were all born in Jasper county.

Lonie Saak grew up on the home farm, where he worked during the crop season when of proper age and he received his education in the district schools. He was married on April 14, 1909, to Anna Exter, who was born in this township on November 27, 1887, and here she grew to womanhood, received her education in the rural schools and she has always lived in the county. She is the daughter of Simon and Caroline (Holscher) Exter, both born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, where they spent their early years, finally emigrating to America and settling in Jasper county, Iowa, where they have become well established through long years of industry in connection with agricultural pursuits, and they are still living in Independence township.

There were nine children in the Exter family, six of whom are living at this writing, namely: Mrs. Emma Brisel lives in Independence township; Anna, wife of Mr. Saak, of this sketch; Simon and Fred, twins, died in infancy; William, born September 15, 1890, lives at home; Paul died in 1910; Lena, born January 8, 1896, lives at home; Elvina, born April 2, 1899; Ella, born May 27, 1900. These children were all born in Jasper county, their parents having located here early in life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saak has been born one son, Wesley Paul, whose birth occurred on February 15, 1910.

Politically, Mr. Saak is a Republican, and religiously he and his wife belong to the German Reformed church of Independence township.

Mr. Saak is the owner of one of the choice farms of Malaka township, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has placed under a high state of improvement and cultivation and he has been uniformly successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, having secured a competency. He has a good home, well furnished and many of the luxuries of life.

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#### H. A. GEISE.

Reared to the sturdy discipline of the homestead farm, H. A. Geise, of Independence township, Jasper county, during the mature years of his life has not wavered in his allegiance to the great basic art of agriculture. To the public schools he is indebted for the early educational privileges that were afforded him, and he duly availed himself of the same, while he has effectually

broadened his knowledge through active association with men and affairs in practical business life.

Mr. Geise was born in Malaka township, Jasper county, Iowa, March 30, 1860, and there he grew to manhood and has always been identified with the agricultural interests of the county as above intimated. Henry Geise, his father, was born in Germany in 1832, and died in Baxter, Iowa, in January, 1907. He married Louisa Wagner, also a native of Germany, born in 1833, and who died in Baxter, Iowa, in 1903, at the age of seventy years. They grew up in Germany and emigrated to America, locating in Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day, residing in Newton the first two years. They were very poor when they came, but, being hard workers, they soon had a good home and the entire family secured a competency from Jasper county soil in later years. There were six children in the family, as follows: Etta Shirk, of Iowa City; H. A., of this review; Fred, of Baxter; Adolph lives on the home farm in Malaka township; Minnie Diehl, of Baxter; Edward, of Newton.

The parents of these children found truly a new country when they arrived in this section of Iowa, but they could foresee a great future for it, and were willing to endure the privations of life in an undeveloped country. Mr. Geise hauled his grain to Iowa City and the next crop to Oskaloosa. There were no railroads here in those days.

H. A. Geise, of this review, was married on May 26, 1886, to Lizzie Hager, who was born near Waukon, Allamakee county, Iowa, December 13, 1859. Her father, Simon Hager, was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, in 1825, and died in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1876. He married Minnie Dalbameier, who was also born in the locality last mentioned, in the fatherland, on August 18, 1827, and she died in Jasper county, Iowa, on September 21, 1895. There were seven children in their family as follows: William, born January 23, 1857, is living in Baxter, Iowa; Lizzie, wife of Mr. Geise, of this review; George T., born September 11, 1860, of Baxter; L. A., born December 4, 1864, died in Santa Barbara, California, September 20, 1909; G. A., born April 14, 1866, lives in Baxter; Helen died in infancy; Lydia, born in Jasper county, December 2, 1875, lives in Santa Barbara, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Geise two sons have been born: Robert O., whose birth occurred on August 18, 1890, is assistant cashier in the State Savings Bank at Baxter; he graduated from the high school at Baxter in the class of 1909, after which he attended Drake University at Des Moines. The other son, George R., was born May 29, 1893, is also a graduate of the high school at Baxter and he intends to complete the course in pharmacy at Highland Park College in Des Moines.

Politically, Mr. Geise is a Republican. He has been a member of the school board of Malaka township and has served in the same capacity since moving to Baxter. He was treasurer of Malaka township for a number of terms and was assessor for four years. He and his wife are members of the German Reformed church of Independence township.

Mr. Geise has been very successful as a business man. He is the owner of a very productive and well improved farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Independence township. He is also vice-president of the State Savings Bank at Baxter, and much of the success of this popular, sound and conservative institution during the past few years has been due in no small measure to his influence and judicious counsel. He has a commodious, modern and well furnished home.

Like his father and the other members of this worthy family, Mr. Geise is a broad-minded, enterprising, liberal and hospitable gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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#### HOWELL L. CHURCHILL.

An excellent pioneer citizen of Jasper county whose life has been one of industry and not by any means devoid of good to his fellow men is Howell L. Churchill, a man who, not asking the assistance of others, has sought to carve out his own fortune, leading the life of a good citizen in a country signally favored by nature and various circumstances.

Mr. Churchill was born May 13, 1849, in Green county, Wisconsin, and he is the son of L. M. and Eliza (Smith) Churchill, both natives of Dutchess county, New York. The paternal grandfather, Edward Churchill, served in the Revolutionary war in the capacity of attendant upon one of its well-known generals. He was a traveling shoemaker, in which way he made a very comfortable living; later in life he bought a farm in New York. He reached the remarkable age of one hundred and two years, having retained his faculties up to the time of his death; he was a very intellectual man and wielded considerable influence in the affairs of his community.

L. M. Churchill left New York in 1848 and went to Wisconsin, where he bought land, owning two hundred acres, which he subsequently sold and moved to Iowa in 1866, settling in Fairview township, Jasper county, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres near Fairmount, and there he made his home for a number of years. At the time of his death, which occurred in his eighty-third year, he had retired from active labor and was living

in Monroe. He was born in 1807. He was twice married, the immediate subject of this sketch being a child by the second marriage. By the first marriage the following children were born: Charles, who died at the age of eighty-two years in California; he was for many years a farmer in Fairview township, this county; Harvey, who died in Newton, at the age of seventy-two years, was retired at the time of his death; Edward is the owner of the Churchill hotel in Newton; Mary, now deceased, was the wife of John Climer, a farmer of Mt. Prairie township. By the second marriage of L. M. Churchill the following children were born: Mason, a retired farmer at Prairie City; Urias was a soldier in the Union army and was killed at the battle of Resaca, Georgia; Smith, who served during the Civil war in Company K, Twenty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, is now practicing law in Omaha, Nebraska; Harriet, who married Marshal Ogg, lives in Fairview township, Mr. Ogg owning and operating the far adjoining that of the subject; Sally, deceased, was the wife of Edward Scarborough, a farmer of Cass county, Iowa. The mother of these children died at the age of sixty-seven years.

Howell L. Churchill, of this review, began working for himself when he became of age. He had assisted with the development of his father's farm and had attended the common schools in his district. He rented his father's farm for a while and four years later, in 1874, he bought the homestead, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres, and in 1892 he bought one hundred and twenty acres joining the homestead on the south, making in all two hundred and eighty acres of Jasper county's best land.

On December 21, 1870, Mr. Churchill was united in marriage with Emma Robinson, who was born December 10, 1840, in the state of Maine. She is the daughter of Cyrus and Harriet (Pierce) Robinson, both natives of Maine. The family came to Wisconsin in 1853 and engaged in farming, and in 1868 they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, buying land in Fairview township. This was afterwards sold and the father retired from active work, moving his family to the village of Monroe, buying property there. Mr. Robinson, who became well known in this locality, died at the age of seventy-four years. Mrs. Robinson died when sixty-nine years old. Mrs. Churchill is one of a family of six children, namely: Cyrus, who was a soldier in the Thirteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, died during his enlistment; Franklin died when twenty years of age; Lucy married Mason Churchill, a brother of the subject; Calista married Judson Mitchell, for many years a grocer at Monroe, this county, but who is now deceased; she is living at Topeka, Kansas; Charles West died in infancy.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, as follows: Delia died in infancy; Charles died at the age of two years; Olo is living at home; Calista died at the age of eleven months; Levi married Florence Martin and they live on the subject's farm; Harvey married Bessie Farmer and lives on a farm in Fairview township; Roy married Nell Main; they, too, live on the farm of the subject and have two sons, the only grandchildren in the family; Guy is now attending the Central University at Pella. He is taking a course in music, in which he is quite gifted; when only thirteen years old he was graduated from the country schools. He gives every promise of a future replete with success.

In 1909, after a busy and successful career as an agriculturist, Mr. Churchill retired from the farm, moving to the town of Monroe, where he purchased a modern and pleasant home and is now regarded as one of the community's best citizens, a good neighbor, a true friend and a man of progressive ideas. He is a deacon in the Baptist church of this place, having been a member of this denomination since he was twenty-two years of age. He was also a deacon in the Fairmount Baptist church and superintendent of the Sunday school there for a number of years. Mrs. Churchill was also a teacher in the Sunday school there. Politically, Mr. Churchill has always been a Republican.

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#### CARLOS CONWELL.

The history of Jasper county, Iowa, is not a very old one. It is the record of the steady growth of a community planted on the wild, rolling prairies scarcely more than a half century ago and has reached its magnitude of today without other aids than those of industry. The people who redeemed it from the primitive wilds were strong-armed, hardy sons of the soil who hesitated at no difficulty and for whom hardships had little to appall. The early pioneers, having blazed the path of civilization to this part of the state, finished their labors, and many of them have passed from the scene, leaving the country to the possession of their descendants and to others who came at a later period and builded on the foundation which they laid so broad and deep. The Conwell family is of this class and its members have played no inconspicuous part in the upbuilding of a portion of this county, a very creditable representative of the present generation being Carlos Conwell, who was born and reared here and who has spent his life in his native vicinity, having done what he could to develop and advertise to the world the wonderful resources of a

county that now occupies a proud position among the most progressive and enlightened sections of Indiana.

Mr. Conwell was born in Jasper county, May 18, 1860, and he has always been identified with agricultural pursuits of his home district. His father, Clark D. Conwell, was born in 1822, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, there grew up, spent his early life and came in an early day to Iowa, and lived in this state until his death in Jasper county, on August 14, 1887. He married Rebecca Toppin, who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1823, and there she grew to womanhood and they were married in their native state, and accompanied Mr. Conwell on the long overland trip to the new state of Iowa when it was being settled, and she reached an advanced age, dying in Jasper county on November 10, 1910. They had little of this world's goods when they arrived, but the soil was rich and they were not afraid of hard work, so they had a good little farm and a comfortable home in a few years. Their family consisted of seven children, one of whom died in infancy, the older ones having been born in Ohio, the three younger after the family came to Iowa: they were, R. C., born January 25, 1844, is living in Independence township; Carlos of this review; Clark D., born April 14, 1867, lives in this township; Mrs. Mary C. Webb is living in Baxter, Iowa; Mrs. J. S. Booth also lives in Baxter; Mrs. Sarah Guthrie, born March 10, 1864, lives at Andover, South Dakota. There are in this family twenty-one grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Carlos Conwell supported and cared for his aged parents until their deaths. He has made a success of general farming and stock raising and has a neat little farm of fifty-nine acres, part of the old homestead, which he has kept well improved.

Politically, he is independent and he and his family affiliate with the Methodist church. He is a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, at Baxter.

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#### FRED DODD.

The gentleman to a brief review of whose life and characteristics the reader's attention is herewith directed is among the favorably known and representative citizens of this section of Iowa, in which he has spent his life. He has by his indomitable enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way to the advancement of his locality and during the course of an honorable career has met with success as a general farmer and stock raiser, being a man of energy, sound judgment and honesty of purpose.

Mr. Dodd was born in the locality where he still resides on October 31, 1862. He is the son of Joseph, Jr., and Amelia (Million) Dodd, the father born in Ohio, September 27, 1817, and the mother in Lexington, Kentucky, November 6, 1821. They were married in Illinois, and came to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1854, being among the early settlers; here they developed a good farm and spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in the spring of 1897, the mother having preceded him to the grave on August 17, 1889. Their family consisted of ten children, six of whom are living, named as follows: Charles E., born January 14, 1841, is living in Collins township, Story county; Sarah J., born January 9, 1843, and William W., born March 23, 1845, are both deceased; G. W., born September 23, 1847, is living in the state of Washington; J. U., born February 5, 1850, is deceased; Samuel P., born July 18, 1852, is living in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Amelia A. Stock is deceased; Frank J., born April 28, 1856, is living in Clear Creek township; Mark, born November 21, 1860, lives in Wisconsin; Fred, of this sketch. They were all born in Clear Creek township, except the three oldest, and they were all reared here.

Fred Dodd grew up on the home farm and there worked when a boy, attending the public schools in his neighborhood. He endured such hardships as were incident to the life of a pioneer's child. He devoted his life to farming and stock raising and has met with much success. In 1908 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Eden township, Marshall county, and this he has improved until it is one of the best farms in this section of Iowa. He has a pleasant and well furnished home and everything about him denotes that he has been a man of thrift.

On August 6, 1885, Mr. Dodd was united in marriage with Julia Mowrey, who was born in Pennsylvania, July 2, 1867. She was two years old when the parents brought her to Iowa. Her father, J. E. Mowrey, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1838. The mother of Mrs. Dodd was known in her maidenhood as Louisa Wilkins, and she was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1841. They came to Story county, Iowa, in 1868 and for many years lived on a farm, but have now retired and are living in Baxter. To Mr. and Mrs. Mowrey the following children have been born: Mrs. Mary F. Kline, born September 4, 1862, is living in Baxter; Mrs. Alice Cross, born April 24, 1864, lives near Colfax; Jesse, born March 2, 1866, lives near Nevada, Missouri; Julia, wife of Fred Dodd, is next in order of birth; William, born April 2, 1869, of Marshalltown; Ella, born May 13, 1871, lives near Colfax; Milton, born October 1, 1873, lives in Kansas City; Mrs. Anna Dell Webb, born June 7, 1877, lives at Baxter; Irvin, born March

1, 1880, died when one year old; Ross, born March 5, 1882, is the present county attorney of Jasper county and resides at Newton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd seven children have been born, five of whom are living, namely: Warren J., born November 21, 1885, is living in Independence township; Walter W., born February 2, 1887, is living on the home farm with his parents; Oscar, born February 13, 1892, died February 16, 1892; Elvan, born June 4, 1895; Ross, born December 15, 1900; Clifford, born October 27, 1904, died November 21st of the same year; Georgia F., born October 19, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Dodd is a Democrat and he has been a member of the local school board. Fraternally, he is a Mason. Mrs. Dodd belongs to the Christian church.

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#### JAY B. SWALWELL.

One of the young agriculturists of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, who is deserving of our special notice at this point is Jay B. Swalwell, for his record has been one of honor and industry and, while yet young in years, he has shown that he is the possessor of those qualities that seldom if ever fail to win in the battle of life, and it is not too much to expect that we will find him in future years as one of our leading citizens and most successful men of affairs in the line which he has chosen as his life work.

Mr. Swalwell was born in this township on March 8, 1883, and here he grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools and where he has always lived, being content to spend his life right here at home, knowing that there was no better place. He is the son of Thomas and Harriet (Kimberly) Swalwell, the family born in Yorkshire, England, March 19, 1845, and the mother in Herkimer county, New York, June 1, 1852. The father was reared in England, but emigrated to America when a young man and settled in Illinois, May 1, 1867, where he remained one year, then came to Jasper county, Iowa, and has been engaged in farming here ever since, owning two hundred acres in Clear Creek township, three hundred and twenty acres in Emmet county and one hundred and sixty acres in New Albany township, Story county. These farms are all well improved and are on an equal with any in their communities. Thomas Swalwell was first married to Jane Richardson, to whom one child, Thomas Vernon Swalwell, was born. The wife and mother died in Iowa in 1871 and in 1872 Mr. Swalwell was married to Harriet Kimberly and to this union thirteen children were born,

namely: Lot, deceased; Harriet F. Oswalt, born in 1874, lives in Emmet county, Iowa; Nellie Oswalt, born in 1876, lives in Story county, Iowa; Ruth Vilas, born in 1878, lives in Madrid, Iowa; James Weaver, born in 1880; Jay B., of this review; Belva, born in 1884, is teaching at Ogden, Iowa; Iva, born in 1886, is teaching in Jasper county; Eve Bark, born in 1888, lives in Grovont, Wyoming; Charles D. was born in 1890; Christopher, born in 1893; Ada, born in 1895; George, born in 1897. This family was reared in Clear Creek township and was educated in the local schools.

Jay B. Swalwell was married October 25, 1911, to F. Myrtle Ball, who was born in Marshall county, Iowa, October 23, 1889. In politics he is independent.

Mr. Swalwell cultivates eighty acres of excellent land in Collins township, Story county, and he has shown himself to be skilled in the art of modern agriculture. He raises grade stock and is making a success as a general farmer and stock raiser.

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#### AMOS SNIDER.

It is the pride of the inhabitants of this country that when the titanic struggle between the states closed in 1865 all the vast army of citizen soldiery quietly laid down their arms and returned to the pursuits of peace. It was predicted by the governments of Europe, not only that the country would be divided, but that after the war an enormous army would be kept up and a military dictatorship would be established on the fragments, perhaps of every state. Foreign nations did not understand the spirit of the people of this country, that is, the spirit of the people in all the free states. They could not understand how we could come to love the name of liberty and be willing to sacrifice blood and treasure to save a country founded upon the rock of freedom. In view of these misguided ideas the most of the foreign nations stood ready to pounce upon the fragments when the smoke of war had rolled away. But they beheld a splendid sight. They saw the great armies melt away, saw a re-united country in which liberty was a fact as well as a name, and saw the soldiers return to their farms and shops, mills and various other vocations.

One of the gallant boys in blue thus to return was Amos Snider, now a well established farmer of Richland township, Jasper county. He was born in Linn county, Iowa, three and one-half miles south of Cedar Rapids, about 1843, the son of John and Margaret Snider, the father a native of Sangamon



MR. AND MRS. AMOS SNIDER



county, Illinois, and the mother of Kentucky. Each came to Iowa in pioneer days, single, and located in Linn county. The father devoted his life to farming and became the owner of some property there, but sold out and moved to Hardin county when it was still new and about 1853 or 1854 he moved to Jasper county, where he remained until 1865, when he moved to Kansas, in which state his death occurred in 1883. His wife died in Jasper county. They were the parents of seven children, three supposed to be living at this writing. The elder Snider was a Republican, but took little active interest in public affairs, being of a retiring disposition. He, too, was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for a period of nearly three years, during which time he took part in about fifteen battles and skirmishes, in one of which he was wounded in the arm.

Amos Snider, being reared in a newly settled country where schools were few, had no chance to obtain an education; then, too, it was necessary for him to assist with the general work in developing the home farm. He was eighteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Jasper county. He entered the army in the same company with his father and took part in about the same engagements, serving about the same length of time. He was in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Lookout Mountain, Port Gibson and Champion's Hill. At the last named battle he was wounded in the left side of the head by a bursting shell, which badly stunned him but he recovered in due course of time. After the war he returned to Jasper county and began operating a saw-mill in Lynn Grove township, which he continued for eight or nine years, then went to Kansas, where he remained a year. Returning to Richland township, this county, he bought a farm of twenty acres which he gradually added to until he now has a very productive and desirable place consisting of one hundred and twenty acres in this township. This land he cleared, broke and improved and placed under a high state of cultivation. He is also the owner of eighty acres of good land near Newton and twenty acres northeast of his home. He has carried on general farming and stock raising successfully, but is now living practically retired from active life.

Politically, Mr. Snider is a Republican. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Snider was married about 1864 to Millie Ann Messick, after he returned from the army. She died about a year later, leaving twins, William Henry and Minnie; the former died at the age of twenty years, and the latter married a Mr. Hamilton. About two years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Snider was married to Dora Bailey, whose death occurred about

1894. To this union one child was born, Nellie, who is still living. Mr. Snider was again married, his last wife being Mrs. Jennie Jumper, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of Jackson and Susan Jumper. Her family came to Iowa when Mrs. Snider was four years old and here her father died and the mother is still living.

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#### JOHN W. EDWARDS.

Among the honored and worthy citizens of Jasper county who have taken an active part in the general development of their community and won an envied reputation for wholesome living is John W. Edwards, who was born in Fayette county, Iowa, May 18, 1858, and he is the son of Elias E. and Abigail M. (Gillum) Edwards, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a miller and in later years a farmer. They grew to maturity, were educated and married in the East and came to Fayette county, Iowa, in 1855, locating in Auburn, where the father conducted a general store until 1865, when he moved to Jasper county, where he purchased twenty-nine acres of coal lands near Monroe upon which he opened a coal bank, selling to the local trade. In 1898 he sold out and came to Reasnor, where he led a retired life until his death, in 1902, at the age of seventy-five years, the death of his wife occurring in October, 1909, when seventy-nine years old. The father was a well known, substantial and influential citizen, prominent in local politics. He has the good will and respect of all who knew him. In his family were six children, all of whom are living, namely: Mary E. Summey, wife of J. W. Summey, a farmer living in Canada; Emma C. married John M. Dawson, a farmer and carpenter, living near Monroe; Alpharetta M. married Frank Garnant, who resides at Monroe; Ella E. is the widow of John M. Simpson, and lives at Reasnor; John W., of this review; Leota M., wife of J. M. Franklin, a former resident of Missouri.

John W. Edwards received a good education and began life for himself as a farmer in Cass county, Iowa, in 1879, continuing thus for five years. He then operated a coal mine near Monroe for five years, after which he purchased a farm near Reasnor and farmed for two years. He then sold the farm and purchased the general store of Caldwell & Son in Reasnor, which he still conducts, having built up an extensive trade with the town and surrounding country through his honest and courteous dealings and the fact that he always carries a large and carefully selected line of goods, handling a general

line of groceries, clothing, shoes, notions, hardware, in fact; almost everything used by the farmer and general public, and, according to the statement of many of the long-time customers of his neatly kept and well arranged store, his prices are always right.

On July 20, 1879, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Sarah E. Rater, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Romans) Rater, natives of Kentucky, both now deceased, after long and active lives on the farm, the father dying in 1904, and the mother in 1910, while living in Reasnor. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom seven are living, namely: W. G. is farming in Adair county, Iowa; G. A. is farming near Reasnor; John P. and Martha, wife of Zoro McCrosky, are deceased; Sarah E., wife of Mr. Edwards, of this review, was born June 26, 1861, and she was called to her reward on September 13, 1909. She was one of the most popular and best beloved women in Reasnor and vicinity, possessing those rare attributes of head and heart that win and retain friends. Her beautiful Christian character was reflected by the numerous kindly deeds she performed for those about her. Upon the eve of her death a most remarkable incident occurred, which indicated her perfect faith. While her husband and family waited about her bed for the final summons of the white-winged messenger to bear her gentle spirit to a higher sphere of action, she clasped her hands together and suddenly uttered these words, while a look of indescribable rapture came over her face: "Glory, glory, glory; Don't be afraid; there is nothing to fear. He has answered my prayers, He has put my feet upon the solid rock, Christ Jesus. Glory Hallelujah! Glory Hallelujah! Praise His name, praise His name!"

The other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rater are, Philene, wife of Charles Mortimer, a farmer living in Adair county; Asbury D. is also farming in Adair county; Mary is the wife of James H. Farris, a farmer living near Monroe; Lulu D. is the wife of Peter DeHoet, a farmer living in Minnesota; Florence D. is the wife of William Lufkin, a farmer near Reasnor.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were born three children, all living, namely: Effie May, wife of Fred Minen, who resides in Reasnor, was born May 30, 1880, in Jasper county; Attie Faye, born in Cass county, Iowa, December 27, 1882, is living at home; Laurence E., or "Pete," as he is familiarly called, was born in Cass county, Iowa, December 16, 1884, and is living at home.

Mr. Edwards is a member of Jasper Lodge No. 168, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Monroe. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Reasnor, of which he is at present secretary and treasurer, also trustee. He was steward of the same for ten years, and superintendent of

the Sunday school for thirteen years, in fact he has always been an earnest church worker and a liberal supporter of the church. He is easily one of the very foremost citizens and business men of Reasnor and the southern part of the county; politically, he is a Prohibitionist, and he takes the interest of a good citizen in all public movements for the general welfare of the locality.

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#### CLARENCE EMMET THOMPSON.

One of the citizens of Baxter, Jasper county, who is deserving of representation in this history is Clarence Emmet Thompson, a man who always possessed energy, resolution, determination and in early life acted according to the motto, "I will find a way or make one." His good common sense, caution, foresight and accurate powers of observation, together with the traits named above, enabled him to overcome the common obstacles met in the path of life by everyone and become very comfortably established, at the same time winning the good will of those with whom he came into contact by reason of his integrity.

Mr. Thompson was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, January 20, 1873. He is the son of David H. and Sarah (Pentico) Thompson, the father born in Huntington county, Indiana, April 5, 1846, and the mother in Pennsylvania, December 5, 1848. The father came with his parents to Jasper county in 1854, grew up with the same, saw its development and was a continuous resident here for a period of forty years. The mother of the subject came with her parents to Iowa in 1853, settling in Davenport, Scott county; later the family moved to Jasper county, locating at Newton, and the parents of the subject were married in Clear Creek township, this county, in 1865, here established a good home and farm, and they are now spending their declining years in a well furnished home in Rhodes. The father formerly owned a part of the famous Oswalt mill in Clear Creek township.

There were ten children born in the Thompson family, nine of whom are living at this writing, named as follows: Mrs. Emma Lowry, born December 7, 1866, resides at Morrill, Nebraska; Mrs. Phoebe Ellen Mowry, born November 22, 1868, resides in Nevada, Missouri; Harvey J., born in Madison county, Iowa, October 28, 1870, lives near Eldora, Iowa; Clarence E., of this sketch; Mrs. Jennie Mowry, born April 11, 1875, died March 22, 1893; Walter G., born July 24, 1877, is living at Rhodes; Millard A., born October

10, 1879, lives at Margo, Canada; Mrs. Mary Girton, born June 20, 1881, resides near Academy, South Dakota; Amos R., born August 3, 1883, lives in Rhodes; Guy M., born February 2, 1889, lives in Butler, Missouri. With the exception of Harvey J., these children were born and reared in Clear Creek township.

Clarence E. Thompson lived in Clear Creek township, this county, until he was nineteen years old, received his education in the common schools and helped his father about his work. At the age just mentioned he moved north of Collins and spent two years farming, then returned to Clear Creek township and spent two years, thence to Independence township, where he followed farming for six years. He then moved to the town of Baxter, where he engaged in the farm implement business. He is at present teaming here. He owns a neat and well furnished home in Baxter.

Mr. Thompson was married on February 10, 1897, to Anna Phipps, who was born in Kentucky, February 11, 1873. Her parents, James and Mary (Upchurch) Phipps, were born in Kentucky, he on June 14, 1837, and there they grew to maturity, obtained such education as the early schools afforded and there they were married and began life on the farm, remaining there until about 1880, when they brought their family to Jasper county, Iowa, and here the mother's death occurred at the age of forty-two years; the father survives and is making his home in Marceline, Linn county, Missouri.

Seven daughters and two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, namely: Theodosia died in infancy; Felix lives in Kellogg, Jasper county; Lizzie Amy lives in Colorado; Fannie married George C. Butler, of Baxter, Iowa; Emma Perrin lives in Independence township; Anna, wife of Mr. Thompson, of this review; John is deceased; Mary Jane, born August 23, 1877, died June 18, 1889; Ellen Wolfe is living in Colorado.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson three children have been born, namely: Mandie, born in Polk county, Iowa, September 12, 1898; Harold, born in Independence township, February 18, 1902; Lola, born in Independence township, June 2, 1904. These children are attending the public schools in Baxter.

Politically, Mr. Thompson is an independent voter. He is a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and of Baxter Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Royal Neighbors at Baxter. They are both worthy representatives of fine pioneer families of this county, and they number their friends by the scores throughout the county.

## THOMAS F. KELLEY.

In presenting the biography of Thomas F. Kelley, one of the progressive citizens of Independence township, Jasper county, who is known to be a gentleman of noble ideals and laudable ambitions, we believe that the reader will be benefited and encouraged, for his has been a life that has made for success because of the honorable principles he has employed in dealing with his fellow men and because of the many admirable attributes he possesses which make his daily walk one worthy to be emulated.

Mr. Kelley was born in New York City, November 23, 1846. He is the son of Patrick and Julia (Smith) Kelley, both natives of Ireland, the mother born on January 20, 1816, died in Jasper county, Iowa, in 1899, and the father's death occurred here in 1889 at the age of seventy-seven years. Their family consisted of nine children, named as follows: Mrs. Mary O'Neill, deceased; Thomas F., of this review; Mrs. Julia Rorabaugh, of Colfax; Mrs. Katie Rorabaugh lives near Colfax; Daniel lives on the old homestead near Colfax. The rest of the children died in infancy. The Kelley family came to Jasper county in 1868 and located in Mound Prairie township, and here they became well established and influential in their community.

Thomas F. Kelley graduated from the grammar schools of New York City and entered the free academy, now known as University of New York City. When seventeen years of age he came to Knox county, Illinois, where he remained until 1868, when he came to Jasper county and he has since made this his home. He has met with a large measure of success as a general farmer and stock raiser, being now the owner of seventy acres of good land in Independence township, which he has placed under excellent improvements and on which stand a good home and convenient outbuildings.

Mr. Kelley showed his patriotic spirit by acting as drummer boy in the New York militia during the Civil war, and he made an effort to enter the regular army, but was refused on account of his youth and size, being at that time a mere boy.

On February 17, 1881, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage with Jessie B. Campbell, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, July 13, 1856, and there she spent her early childhood, coming with her mother to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1867, and this has been her residence ever since. Her father, John Campbell, was a soldier in the Union army and while in the service he fell ill and died. Both he and his wife, who was known in her maidenhood as Sarah Leeper, were natives of Ohio. The mother came to Jasper county, Iowa, and

died here. Their family consisted of six sons and one daughter, namely: Jessie B., wife of Mr. Kelley; James, Alex, Thomas, Willis, Collin and George.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, namely: Royston, born October 25, 1881, was graduated from the law department of the University of Iowa; Dean, born January 6, 1884, was graduated in pharmacy at the Drake University at Des Moines; John A., born May 4, 1886, died October 5, 1903; Daniel Jay, born March 27, 1890, is principal of the schools at Lynnville, Iowa; James A., born November 23, 1892, was graduated from the Newton high school in the class of 1912. These children were reared in Jasper county and they have been well educated, their parents gladly making such sacrifices as were necessary; but they have been well repaid for their pains, for their children are now well prepared for the struggle which the poets call "the battle of life."

Politically, Mr. Kelley is a Democrat and he has held every district and township office. He has been assessor in Independence and Mound Prairie townships for a period of twenty years, serving ten years in each. In all his public offices he has won the universal approval of his constituents and discharged his duties in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and proved his loyalty to right principles. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Baxter. Mrs. Kelley is a member of the United Presbyterian church. They are well informed people and their hospitality, kindness and allegiance to high ideals have won them a wide circle of warm friends.

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#### WILLIAM ALEXANDER TRAMEL.

The early agriculturists of Jasper county will ever be held in the grateful memory of the present generation and of the active young farmers of today, and the husbandman who came here a half century ago and cleared, upturned and seeded the wild prairie sod and erected for himself and venturesome family a rude dwelling, and opened the country, then roadless, for the advance of a higher civilization, well deserves the respect which is accorded him after he has passed the allotted span of life. Of such as these is William Alexander Tramel, well known farmer of Clear Creek township, a man who has always labored along such well established lines as to wrench success from seeming discouraging situations and at the same time has been enabled to do much for his neighbors, believing in the old maxim, "live and let live," and as a result

of such a life of usefulness and honor he is today held in high favor with all who have had an opportunity to know him intimately.

Mr. Tramel was born in St. Joseph county, Indiana, August 19, 1835, and there he grew to maturity, working on the home farm during his boyhood days, and when seventeen years of age, in 1852, he accompanied his parents to Iowa and settled in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, and here he has resided ever since, having lived to see the wonderful growth of the locality, for it was then wild and settlers were few. The farm on which he now lives and owns was paid for by his father with an 1812-14 war warrant. The father, W. A. B. Tramel, was born in North Carolina in 1802, and his death occurred on his home place in this township in April, 1897, at an advanced age, having reached his ninety-fifth milestone, and the century through which his useful life extended was the most remarkable in the world's history. He married Cynthia Alexander, who also was born in North Carolina, in 1804, and her death occurred in Clear Creek township, March 3, 1878. Their family consisted of the following children: Eliza Ann Jeffries, whose death occurred in 1903; Nancy Campbell is also deceased; Martha Price, born January 28, 1833, is living in Ira, this county; W. Alexander, of this review; Joseph M. died in East Portland in 1906; Caroline Weston, born October 29, 1840, also lives at Ira; J. J., born November 26, 1842, of Ira.

On April 24, 1861, W. A. Tramel, of this sketch, was married to Sarah J. Spenceer, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, August 5, 1835. Her father, William Spenceer, was born in Vermont and his death occurred near Newton, Iowa, in 1861. He married Mary Meade, also a native of Vermont, and she died in Clear Creek township in 1890. Their family consisted of two sons and two daughters: Charles, born in Vermont and died in Colfax, Iowa; Henry, born in Vermont, died near Newton, Iowa; Mary Craig died in Ohio in 1856; Sarah J., wife of Mr. Tramel, of this sketch, is the youngest and the only surviving member.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tramel have been born three children, the first born dying in infancy; Mary C., whose birth occurred on March 8, 1871, has remained with her parents; C. W., born December 25, 1873, is living on the home farm, which he works. They were born, reared and educated in Clear Creek township and have always lived here.

Mr. Tramel has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and he is the owner of eighty acres of good land in Clear Creek township, which he has kept well improved and tilled in a manner that has brought large returns. His son also owns eighty acres and his daughter fifty-four, all good land. The Tramel home is a pleasant one, modernly furnished.

Politically, Mr. Tramel is a Republican, and he has been active in local affairs, always ready to assist in forwarding any public enterprise. He has been township trustee and a member of the school board, filling both offices most satisfactorily. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Ira, and are faithful in their attendance upon its ordinances.

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#### JACOB HERWEHE.

Without making any invidious comparisons, it is safe to say that the United States can boast of no better or more law-abiding class of citizens than those sent to our shore by the German empire and whom this country is always ready to welcome. Many of them have come to our forty-eight states limited in financial resources, but imbued with a sturdy independence and a laudable ambition to succeed, and who have taken advantage of the wonderful resources afforded here. Gradually they have risen to places of prominence in various lines of activity. Of these none in Jasper county deserves more favorable attention than Jacob Herwehe, farmer and stock raiser of Fairview township. He was born in Baden, Germany, August 28, 1844, the son of Philip and Anna Mary (Warntz) Herwehe, natives of Germany, the father born on January 28, 1821, and the mother on July 24, 1823, both in Baden. There they grew up and were married, and there the father owned a small farm on which he raised tobacco and small grains. In 1854 he and his family emigrated to America and located in Cincinnati, Ohio, and there he worked at various things in order to get a foothold in the new country. In 1855 he brought his family to Jasper county, Iowa, where Philip Herwehe worked as a farm hand and later rented land until 1859, when he bought forty acres in Fairview township, which he later added to and here farmed until his death in 1879, owning at that time a good farm of over two hundred acres. He was independent in politics and a member of the German Methodist church. His widow survived many years, dying in 1903. Their family consisted of three sons and five daughters, of whom Jacob, of this sketch, was the oldest.

The subject attended school in Germany and two winters in Iowa, but he had little opportunity to get an education. Being the oldest son, a great deal of hard work about the home place fell to him when he was a boy, and he did the work of a man when he was sixteen years old. He remained with his father until he was twenty-six years old. He moved on the farm where he now lives in the fall of 1870 and began renting of his father, later buying the place.

He has brought it up to a high state of improvement and cultivation through his long years of close application. In connection with general farming he has raised considerable live stock. Politically, he is a Democrat and he belongs to the German Methodist church.

Mr. Herwehe was married on August 16, 1870, to Christine Liberum, who was born in Ashuay, Germany, March 2, 1842, and there she spent her childhood, emigrating to America in the fall of 1869 and took up her residence with her cousin in Des Moines. She was the daughter of Conrad Liberum, who was of French descent. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herwehe, Anna Mary, who lives with her father, keeping house for him and is his mainstay. She is an industrious, genial and well informed lady who numbers her friends by the scores.

Mrs. Jacob Herwehe, a woman of splendid attributes of head and heart, passed away on December 13, 1903, having been an invalid for several years.

When Mr. Herwehe came to this county he found a wild, unbroken prairie, and much of his time when a boy was spent upturning the virgin sod. He frequently walked to Newton, ten miles away on the trail, making the trip in three hours. He worked oxen and used primitive implements on the farm, and he underwent the usual hardships and privations incident to pioneer life; but, being a man of courage and sterling mettle, he persevered in the face of all obstacles and in due course of time had a good home and a valuable farm. He talks interestingly of the early days, of the bands of Indians seen hereabout, of the wild game, the general picturesque life of the raw prairie. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished for himself and the community.

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#### C. P. NORTON.

The qualities which have made C. P. Norton, of Prairie City, one of the prominent and successful citizens of Jasper county have also brought him the good will and esteem of his fellow citizens, for his career from the beginning has been one of well directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods. He has lived to see and take part in the wonderful development of this locality and his influence has been for good along material, moral and civic lines so that he is eminently deserving of the high esteem in which he is held by all classes.

Mr. Norton was born in Concord, Ohio, July 18, 1831. He is the son of Eden P. and Louisa (Wells) Norton, the father born in Vermont and the

mother in Connecticut. They were married in Ohio. The elder Norton was a descendant of the famous "Mayflower" band. He was a shoemaker all his life. In 1845 he came west as far as the Mississippi river, having peddled shoes all the way, through the wild and practically unimproved country. Returning to Ohio, he spent the remainder of his life there; however, his death occurred at Monmouth, Illinois, while on a visit to his children, being then sixty-two years of age. His widow died at the home of their son, C. P., of this sketch, in Prairie City, Iowa, at the age of seventy-nine years. They were the parents of eight children, only two of whom are yet living, C. P. and H. M., the latter a physician of Kent, Iowa. Timothy died in infancy; Sidney G. died when ten years of age; W. W. died in Kent, Iowa, in 1911; L. D. died in Cincinnati, where he was for years superintendent of the Power Hall; he was a man of prominence, a fine mechanic; he was one of the Ohio commissioners to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. Flavia A. Norton, who married Thomas Cannon, is deceased; N. J. died in Louisville, Kentucky.

When seventeen years of age C. P. Norton went to Buffalo, New York, to learn the mechanic's trade, and after remaining there two years he went back to Ohio, where, with two brothers, he engaged in the manufacture of forks, etc. Two years later he went to North Norfolk, Connecticut, and married Aurelia R. Norton, of that place. They were not related. The young couple at once started west, having but fifty dollars capital, going by rail and water to New Boston, Iowa. The first work he did was carpentering in Toolsboro. He and his wife started to housekeeping in a blacksmith shop in 1854. He made all his own furniture except one chair, which he found in a pile of driftwood in the river. For three years he remained there and did all kinds of building, his wife teaching school the meanwhile. He then moved to Warren county, Illinois, and ran a saw-mill for five years. He then went to Roseville, that state, and began the repair of wagons and later the manufacture of "shanghai corn plows." Later he secured a patent on a double corn plow, which he manufactured two years. It was forty-six years ago that he came to Prairie City, Iowa. He sold McCormick harvesters for three years, then sold the various machines manufactured by the Fairbanks-Morse company for two years, after which he began the hardware business by himself, later taking Julius Bisbee as a partner, the firm being known as Norton & Bisbee, and they continued with much success for a period of twenty years, enjoying an extensive trade with the surrounding country. At the end of that time the firm was forced to take over a clothing store on a debt, and this they operated for two years, then sold out. Since then Mr. Norton has led a retired life, having laid by a competency. For twenty-four winters he has gone to Florida and other

southern points, and he made one trip to Cuba and there narrowly escaped being quarantined on account of yellow fever.

Mr. Norton proved his patriotism by enlisting in the Union army, in the fall of 1863, being a member of the noted "Mechanics Corps," and was sent to the front, and assigned to such work as road and bridge building, and he saw much hard and laborious service. He had attempted to enlist in 1861 as a regular soldier, but was refused on account of a defective eye and the loss of a finger. After receiving an honorable discharge he returned to Monmouth, Illinois.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Norton, three of whom died in infancy, and the other, Abbie, died when six years old. Mrs. Norton's death occurred in January, 1910, in Florida and she was buried there. Had she lived until March 4, 1910, less than two months longer, they would have been married fifty-four years. They raised Hannah Adams, who married Fred Heaton, who has been with the hardware firm of Little & Gill nineteen years. They also reared a boy, Thomas Stevens, who goes by the name of Norton.

Mr. Norton is a worthy member of the Methodist church. He is a strong Republican and is deeply interested in temperance work.

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#### WILLIAM KLYN.

Among the prosperous and substantial farmers of Jasper county is William Klyn, who lives in section 14, Buena Vista township, where he has one of the best kept farms in the community. He was born February 25, 1876, and is the son of Ira and Hattie (Breuklander) Klyn, both natives of the Netherlands. The father came to America when a lad twelve years of age, accompanied by his parents, the family emigrating to Iowa, settling on a farm near Pella, Marion county. The subject's mother was four years of age when her parents brought her to America. They also settled near Pella, Iowa. For many years Ira Klyn farmed in Marion county, laying by a competency, and at the present time he and his wife are living retired in Sully, he being sixty-five and she fifty-five years of age. They are highly respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Their family consisted of eight children, six boys and two girls, William, of this review, being the second in order of birth. They are, Ira, who lives on a farm in Marion county, as do also John, Martin, Garrett and Henry, the last named and Martin being un-

married; Maggie married Cornelius VanGilst, a brother of the subject's wife, and they live in Sully; Nellie, the youngest child, lives with her parents in Sully.

After receiving a good education in the home schools, William Klyn, when twenty-one years of age, started out for himself and for a period of five years worked out as a hand on the farm. In February, 1902, he was married to Minnie VanGilst, the daughter of Garrett VanGilst, a prosperous farmer whose home at that time was where the subject now lives, but who has since retired and is now making his home in Killduff, this county. There were eight children in this family, namely: Agnes married Frank Brand and lives near Killduff; Jennie married John Nyhouse and lives at Alexandria, South Dakota; Minnie, wife of the subject, was born on July 23, 1877; Peter lives in Chicago; Cornelius lives in Sully; Regina married Leroy Demis and lives near Killduff; John is a carpenter and lives at home in Killduff; Marie also lives at home. Mrs. William Klyn was six years of age when she came to America. Garrett VanGilst, father of Mrs. William Klyn, was born in September, 1845, and he is the son of Peter and Regina VanGilst. The wife of Garrett VanGilst was born June 3, 1849.

After his marriage William Klyn rented a farm in Mahaska county for two years, then bought his present place and has lived here ever since, carrying on general farming in a manner that has brought him a large measure of success, being regarded as one of the most efficient farmers in his community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Klyn four children have been born: Hattie Marie, born June 8, 1903; Jennette Agnes, born October 28, 1905; Wilma Margaret, born January 5, 1909; Freda Irene, born August 1, 1910, and died June 21, 1911. Mrs. Klyn is affiliated with the Christian church in Killduff.

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#### DAVID S. FLECK.

The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is prominent in the business, social and political affairs of Jasper county, and is a native of Iowa, having been born in Mahaska county, Iowa, in 1859, on the 21st day of November. His father, William Fleck, was a native of Illinois and his mother, Cassie (Brown) Fleck, was a native of Ohio. The family came from Illinois to Iowa in 1856 and located first in Henry county, but a short time afterward removed to Mahaska county, where William Fleck entered two hundred and forty acres of land from the government. He has

long since gone to his eternal home, having passed away in 1885, at the early age of fifty-three. After twelve years of farming, Mr. Fleck engaged in the grain business in Leighton, and this business he continued to the time of his death, besides superintending and overseeing the work of his farm. He was a very prominent man in his community, public spirited and broadminded. He was a member of the Baptist church, to which denomination his wife, mother of the subject, also belongs. She is seventy-five years old at this time and lives at the old home place, near Leighton.

David S. Fleck was one of eight children. At the age of twenty-one he began work for himself, following agricultural pursuits for a while, after which he engaged in the grain and lumber business at Leighton, carrying on both enterprises for about ten years, at the expiration of which time he removed to Nebraska and engaged in the elevator business in the town of Mindon. From there he returned to Iowa and operated an elevator at Templeton, Carroll county, and engaged in the grain business there for a couple of years, at the expiration of which time he, together with Macy Brothers, purchased the lumber and grain business at Killduff. Mr. Fleck owns and operates a stock and grain farm near Killduff where at all times can be found some of Jasper county's choicest hogs, cattle and horses.

On February 28, 1889, Mr. Fleck was united in marriage to Alta Coryell, the daughter of R. V. and Julia Coryell, the father being a native of Ohio and the mother of Missouri. The family came to Oskaloosa about the year 1850. Mr. Coryell was a prominent farmer in Mahaska county, and it was here that the daughter, Alta, was born in October, 1866. She is one of three living children. The father and mother are both living in Mahaska county, Iowa, aged seventy-five and sixty-eight, respectively.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fleck have been born three children, namely: Raymond, born March 25, 1890, in Mahaska county; Harold, born November 11, 1896, in Jasper county; Wilma, born April 7, 1900, in Jasper county.

Mr. Fleck is a member of the board of county supervisors, having been elected on the Democratic ticket in 1906 and again in 1909, and his picture, together with those of the other two county supervisors, was placed in the corner stone of the new county court house when built. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Newton. Fraternally, he is identified with the Masonic lodge No. 59, at Newton, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Newton. Mrs. Fleck is a member of the Rebekah lodge and Eastern Star chapter at the same place. Mr. Fleck owns property and lives in the city of Newton.

## J. EMERY SIGNS.

Not alone are those worthy of biographic honors who have moved along the loftier planes of action, but to an equal extent are those deserving who are of the rank and file of the world's workers, for they are not less the conservators of public prosperity and material advancement. Through all the gradations of life recognition should be had of the true values, and then should full appreciation be manifested, for there can be no impropriety in scanning the acts of any man as they affect his public, social and business relations. Viewed from whatever standpoint, the career of J. Emery Signs, one of Clear Creek township's prosperous farmers, is worthy of consideration in this connection. He is one of the worthy native sons of Jasper county, his birth having occurred on March 1, 1850, in Clear Creek township, and here he grew to manhood and he has always been identified with the agricultural interests of this locality. He is the son of James and Sarah (Kintz) Signs, the father born in Indiana is living in this township, and the mother, who was born in Summit county, Ohio, died in this township. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, namely: J. Emery, of this review, is the eldest; Mrs. John W. Long lives in Eden township, Marshall county; Charles O. lives in Olathe, Kansas; John is a resident of Collins, Iowa; Lee lives on the old home farm in Clear Creek township, this county.

Mr. Signs, of this review, was married on November 7, 1880, to Ida May Hampton, who was born in Clear Creek township, November 5, 1861, the daughter of William R. and Sarah Ann (Deeter) Hampton, the father born in Kentucky and the mother in Pennsylvania. They came west, spent their last years at Gering, Nebraska, the father dying on December 5, 1904, and the mother passing away on December 4, 1903. Their family consisted of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity, one son and one daughter dying in infancy; they were named as follows: Theodore is living in Juniata, Nebraska; Cornelia Kimberly is living at Gering, Nebraska; Caroline Hidy is a resident of Mapleton, Kansas; Dora Adeline died about fifteen years ago; Ida May, wife of Mr. Hampton of this sketch; Hulda Porter, of Towanda, Kansas; Jennie Hughes, of Mapleton, Kansas; Commodore lives at Gering, Nebraska; William also lives there; Russell R. lives in Independence township, this county; Albert lives at Gering, Nebraska. These children were born in Clear Creek township, this county, of which their parents were early settlers, having lived here many years before moving to Nebraska.

To Mr. and Mrs. Signs have been born two sons and four daughters.

namely: Earl, born September 27, 1882, died April 11, 1888; Sarah Pearl Jones, born November 14, 1887, lives in Sherman township, this county; Jessie Belle Shuey, born August 14, 1890, is living north of Collins; Alta, born February 8, 1893, is living at home; Ora, born November 5, 1896, is also a member of the family circle; Orville Edwin, born January 18, 1899. They were all born in Clear Creek township. One grandchild, Gwendolyn Fern Shuey, was born on May 10, 1911.

Mr. Signs has been very successful in a business way, and he is the owner of one hundred and nineteen acres in Clear Creek township, which comprises one of the best improved and most productive farms of this locality, on which stands a modern, well furnished home, and he has laid away a competency for his old age.

Politically, Mr. Signs is a Democrat, and he has been township trustee and a member of the local school board. Fraternally, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Mingo:

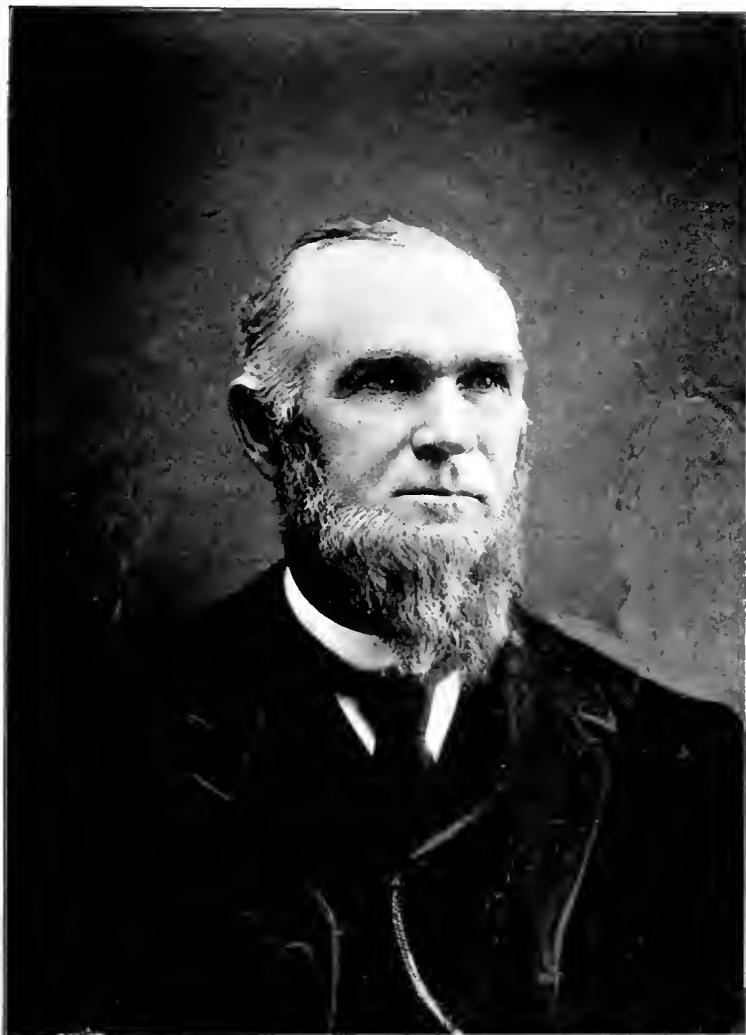
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#### ROBERT N. STEWART.

Every human being either submits to the controlling influence of others or wields an influence which touches, controls, guides or misdirects others. If he be honest and successful in his chosen field of endeavor, investigation will brighten his fame and point the way along which others may follow with like success. Consequently a critical study of Robert N. Stewart, a venerable and substantial citizen of Mound Prairie township Jasper county, may be beneficial to the reader, for it has been one of usefulness and honor. He has lived to see and take part in the wonderful development of this locality, having come here in early pioneer days.

Mr. Stewart was born in West Virginia, January 18, 1831. He is the son of James and Katherine (Phibbs) Stewart, both natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they moved to West Virginia and there married and reared their family on their farm of about two hundred acres, and there they spent their last years. They had a large family, twelve children, only two of whom are now living, Robert N., of this sketch, and Mrs. Hattie Cooper. George Stewart, the subject's paternal grandfather, was a colonel in the Revolutionary war.

Robert N. Stewart grew up on the home farm and received his education in the public schools and at Fairview Academy in Virginia, then went to



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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and took a business course. He emigrated to Iowa about 1864 and located in Washington township, Jasper county, and here he kept a stage station. When J. B. Grinnell was representing this district in Congress, the subject applied to him for a postoffice where Colfax now stands. Two names were submitted, Colfax and Sheridan, and the subject chose the former, hence naming the town, which is now well known over the country. For two years Mr. Stewart lived in Prairie City and bought grain. Then he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Mound Prairie, which he broke and placed under good improvements. By years of hard work and good management he prospered and added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land. He has carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale.

In early life Mr. Stewart was a Greenbacker, but in later years he has supported the Democratic ticket. He was something of a leader in local affairs in former years and for eight years he was justice of the peace, discharging the duties of this office in a manner that has reflected credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He belongs to the Masonic order at Colfax, and in religious matters he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church. It was Mr. Stewart who was the first superintendent of Sunday school at Colfax, which school was held for a while in a box car and later in the depot.

Mr. Stewart was married in 1858 to Lizzie McGuire, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Elisha and Hannah McGuire, who lived in Carlton, Ohio. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, namely: Iva; James McGuire, who first married Addie Heise and later Dora Blanford; Mamie, Frank and Anna. These children are all deceased but James. The first wife of Robert N. Stewart passed away about 1880 and he subsequently, in 1891, married Amelia Harvey, a native of the state of New York and the daughter of John Harvey, who now lives in Newton.

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#### J. P. HARDING.

The Harding family has long been well and favorably known in the vicinity of which this history treats and they have done their full share in the work of advancing general conditions and are therefore eminently deserving of representation in a history of the nature of the one at hand. One of the

best known is Claudius Harding, of Baxter, who was born in Marietta township, Marshall county, Iowa, December 4, 1878, and with the exception of eleven years spent in South Dakota, he has lived in this vicinity. His father, J. P. Harding, was born in Lawrence county, near Newcastle, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1851, and is now residing in Eden township, Marshall county. His mother, known in her maidenhood as Delia A. Wright, was born in Van Buren county, Michigan, near Coldwater, October 12, 1860, and her death occurred at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, November 11, 1896.

There were ten children in the Harding family, named as follows: Claudius is the eldest; Orville Raymond, born April 26, 1880, is living in Casper, Wyoming; Merrill J., born November 12, 1882, is a pharmacist in Des Moines, Iowa; Blanche E., born August 30, 1884, who is living in Omaha, is stenographer for the Cudahy Packing Company; Clayton W., born June 18, 1886, is living in Eden township, Marshall county, with her father; Mrs. Delia A. Grant, born December 30, 1888, makes her home at Jireh, Wyoming; Vera, born February 4, 1890, is studying and will graduate in 1913 as nurse; Josephine, born March 23, 1891, is a professional nurse; Laura J., born May 20, 1893, is living at the family homestead in Eden township; Edith M., born November 1, 1896, lives with her amnt at Albion, Iowa. The wife and mother dying when the youngest child was but ten days old, the responsibilities of rearing this family devolved upon the husband and father, and, being a man of extraordinary grit and foresight, he has performed his work admirably, being enabled to give his children good educations in the common schools, at the same time providing well for their every necessity materially, for he fully realized that without proper schooling they would have little chance in this world of specialization. Merrill was graduated from Highland Park College, Des Moines, and four daughters were graduated from the high school and two have taught school in this community. The three eldest children were born in Marshall county, the younger ones in South Dakota.

Claudius Harding grew up on the home farm and he has always known the meaning of hard work and has succeeded in the affairs of life as a result of his close application. He was united in marriage on March 15, 1906, with Ida Adelle Perin, who was born in Independence township, Jasper county, March 15, 1881. She attended the common schools of the neighborhood and for one year was in the Baxter high school. Her father, Henry L. Perin, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, was one of the early settlers in this part of Iowa and he was a soldier in the war between the states. Her mother, known in her maidenhood as Almira Porter, was born in Scott county, Iowa. Both these parents reside in Baxter, Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harding have been born one daughter, Gertrude Almira, March 29, 1907, and one son, Austin, April 9, 1909, both in Independence township, this county.

Politically, Mr. Harding is a Republican and he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, while Mrs. Harding holds her membership with the Reorganized Church of the Latter-Day Saints. In their cozy home is always to be found that rarest of earthly boons, contentment.

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### JOHN N. JONES.

Success in agriculture is not, as a rule, achieved as early in life as in other lines. Independence is reached in this line after much hard toil and years of continuous effort and those who climb very high up the ladder are getting pretty well along in years. While John N. Jones, of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, does not yet rank among our wealthiest and most widely known agriculturists, it is not too much to predict that future years will find him so, judging from the record he has already made in this line and knowing his habits of close application and minute knowledge of the various phases of husbandry.

Mr. Jones was born in Fulton county, Illinois, October 30, 1882, and there he spent the first ten years of his life, having moved with his parents to Story county, Iowa, and the family has been following general farming in this locality ever since. He is the son of T. M. and Matinden (Drummond) Jones, the father a native of Illinois and the mother of Indiana, the latter having come to Illinois when six months old, and there they both grew up, were educated and married. They now live in Independence township, this county.

John N. Jones grew up on the farm and when but a boy made a regular hand in the fields during crop seasons, and in the winter time he attended school in his neighborhood. On June 14, 1904, he was united in marriage with Edith C. Perry, who was born near Rhodes, Marshall county, Iowa, August 4, 1883, being the daughter of Harrison W. Perry and wife, a complete sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born four children, namely: Lela, born October 27, 1904; Minnie, born December 30, 1906; Blanche, born December 7, 1908; John, Jr., born June 23, 1911. The two eldest were born in Story county, the two younger children in Jasper county.

Politically, Mr. Jones is a Democrat and both he and his wife are members of the Yeoman lodge at Collins. They keep their home supplied with good literature, and have not made the accumulation of sordid dollars the only or the chief aim of life.

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#### WILLIAM HAMILTON SUMPTER, JR.

In this brief review will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active plodders on the highway of life and achieved a career surpassed by few of his contemporaries, a career of marked success in agricultural affairs and a name which all who know him delight to respect owing to his upright life and his industry and public spirit.

William Hamilton Sumpter, well known farmer of Independence township, was born in Mound Prairie township, this county, December 5, 1858, and here he grew to manhood and was educated, in fact, has spent his life here, having always been identified with the agricultural interests of the county in a way that has resulted in success to himself and to the general good of the community, for he has been a man of progressive ideas. He is the son of William H. and Priscilla (Wilder) Sumpter, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Indiana. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day and here established a home in which they spent the balance of their lives, dying here, he in 1868 and she in 1865. They became the parents of eight children, two of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Angeline McLean, who resides in Logan, Iowa; Mrs. Louisa Topper, deceased; John is also deceased; Mrs. Polly Koepel, deceased; Ruben and Mrs. Olive Penquite are also deceased; William, of this review; Mrs. Cynthia Mendenhall, deceased.

William H. Sumpter, Jr., was married in 1878 to Mary Miller, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, January 22, 1859. She is the daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Kintz) Miller, the latter a native of Summit county, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph Kintz, the first settler of Clear Creek township. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on January 11, 1813, and he emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, before it was surveyed, locating some eighteen miles from his nearest neighbor when the country was a wild prairie and Indians were numerous. He entered one thousand acres of land near the present town of Clyde and resided there until his death, being a prominent man in the early affairs of the county. He married Mary Walkerburger, who was born in Pennsylvania May 2, 1812, and who died in this county. They were the parents of five children, namely: John W., of Col-

fax, this county; Commodore P., of this county; Sarah Signs, deceased; Rebecca Buttinger, of Clear Creek township; Susan Anderson lives at Colfax.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter have been born five children, one of whom is deceased, namely: Scott, born September 7, 1878, died May 4, 1907; Charlie, born February 12, 1880, is residing in Clear Creek township; Milo S. Sumpter, born October 1, 1881; Mrs. Cynthia Berry, born August 18, 1884, lives in Clear Creek township; Perry, born May 10, 1886. The wife of Scott, the oldest son, is also deceased, and their daughter, Mildred Sumpter, who was born May 19, 1903, makes her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter of this review.

Politically, Mr. Sumpter is a Democrat and he is at present trustee of Independence township and he has been a member of the school board in his district.

Mr. Sumpter has been very successful as a farmer and he is now the owner of one of the best farms in Independence township, consisting of two hundred acres, well improved in every respect and kept under a high state of cultivation. He has a pleasant and well furnished home and good outbuildings. He always keeps a good grade of live stock and he has made a success in his life work and has the esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances.

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#### WILLIAM MANUEL KLINE.

Though a native of the Snicker state, William Manuel Kline, farmer of Independence township, Jasper county, has spent practically all his life in Iowa, where he has met with encouraging success all along the line, but he would have succeeded, no doubt, just as well had he continued to live in his native state, for he has the natural elements of success, industry, persistence and patience, without which little is done no matter how favorable the environments are in which one finds himself.

Mr. Kline was born in Ogle county, Illinois, May 25, 1854, and when six weeks old his parents brought him to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, where he grew up and has been a continuous resident to the present time. He is the son of Henry and Catherine (Weishaar) Kline, the father born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Ohio. They came to this locality in the early days of its history and here became fairly well established, clearing and developing a good farm and here they spent the rest of their lives, both dying in Clear Creek township, the father in 1864 and the mother in October,

1889. Their family consisted of three children, of whom, William M., of this sketch, was the eldest; the next in order of birth was Mrs. Rachael Corninger, who was born February 28, 1856, is living in Boone, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Axey C. Downing, born August 16, 1858, died April 9, 1883; the two latter were born in Clear Creek township, this county, and all were reared here, attending the old log school houses. Their parents endured all the privations of pioneer life.

William M. Kline knew what hard work was when but a boy, for he grew up in a new country where the wild native soil had to be developed, but he has made a success as a general farmer and is now the owner of a well improved farm of sixty acres in Independence township, on which is to be seen a new dwelling and all up-to-date improvements.

Mr. Kline was married on August 22, 1898, to Elva Jones, who was born in Ohio, November 29, 1872, being the daughter of James and Mary Ann (Conrad) Jones, both born in Ohio. The mother is now deceased, having passed away in 1910, and the father is a resident of Oklahoma. Ten children, an equal number of sons and daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, namely: Maggie, Alpha, Elva (wife of Mr. Kline), Elnora, Maude, Charlie, William, Elmer, John and Howard.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kline have been born five children, namely: Bryan Peter, born August 5, 1899; Donald Towne, born February 3, 1901; Axey Elnora, born February 12, 1902; Mary Ann, born September 8, 1905; Minnie, born November 10, 1907. They were all born in Clear Creek township.

Politically, Mr. Kline is a Democrat, and he takes much interest in the welfare of the community in general; he is especially interested in educational affairs, and he moved to Independence township on March 1, 1911, in order to secure better educational facilities for his children.

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#### THOMAS CAULFIELD.

A member of one of the worthy old pioneer families of northern Jasper county and for many years a leading agriculturist of Independence township is Thomas Caulfield, a man who has had the sagacity to foresee the great future of this signally favored section of the Hawkeye state and he has been content to spend his life on his native soil and his efforts as a loyal citizen have profited alike himself and the community at large.

Mr. Caulfield was born in Independence township, this county, June 7,

1860. He grew to manhood here and was educated in the local schools. Turning his attention to farming when a boy, he followed that vocation up to a few years ago. His father, Thomas Caulfield, was born in Ireland and died in Jasper county, Iowa, having come to America in an early day. He married Jane Glass, who was born in Scotland and who is now residing with her son Thomas, of this review, her husband having died in 1890. They were married in Independence township, this county, where Mr. Caulfield settled in 1855 when a young man, soon after his arrival in the new world. There were two sons in this family: George, the eldest, was born August 2, 1858, and died October 8, 1910; and Thomas of this review. This family started life in a primitive way here when the country was new and in time had a good home.

Thomas Caulfield was married on November 26, 1890, to Carrie Butler, who was born in Independence township, this county, on September 13, 1871. She is the daughter of Charles and Eliza (Davey) Butler, the former born in Cambridgeshire, England, March 13, 1828, and died in Independence township, this county, March 5, 1871. The mother was also born in Cambridgeshire, England, the date of her birth being August 15, 1833. She is residing with her son, R. P. Davidson, of Baxter, Iowa.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Butler, namely: William C., died in California at the age of twenty-two years; John D. died in Illinois when six years old; Alfred A. died July 17, 1874; Charlotte Ann lives in Mitchell, South Dakota; Emma Caroline died in infancy; Matilda Belle Marshall lives in Hennessey, Oklahoma; Rosella died when sixteen years of age; George Charles lives in Independence township, this county; John J. died when nine years old; Catharine Jemima Alland lives in Newton, Iowa; Carrie, wife of Mr. Caulfield of this review; R. P. Davidson, a son by a second marriage, is given a separate sketch in this volume.

To Mr. and Mrs. Caulfield three daughters have been born, namely: Vera, born October 23, 1894, will graduate from the high school at Baxter with the class of 1912; Irene, born July 8, 1901, is attending school at home; Margery, born April 25, 1903. These children were born and have been reared in this community.

Politically, Mr. Caulfield is a Republican and he is a member of the board of education at Baxter and, fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Baxter.

Mr. Caulfield is the owner of a substantial and pleasant home in Baxter, also owns one hundred and twenty acres of choice land in Independence township, well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. Upon leaving the

farm he purchased a half interest in the meat market at Baxter, in which he was engaged until three years ago, when he sold out, since which time he has been conducting a poultry and egg business. He has met with a very satisfactory degree of success in whatever he has turned his attention to.

Mrs. Caulfield's parents came to America in 1853, were married in New York, later moving to near Chicago where they made their home for eleven years. In 1868 they purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Jasper county, Iowa, which place is now owned by R. P. Davidson, mentioned above.

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#### L. E. FOWLER.

Owing to his extensive connection with the business and civic affairs of the northern part of Jasper county for many years, the name of L. E. Fowler needs no formal introduction to the readers of this history. In a straightforward, conservative manner he has sought to perform the duties of a progressive citizen while advancing his own interests and his support could always be depended upon in the furtherance of any laudable movement having for its object the welfare of the general public.

Mr. Fowler is a Hoosier by birth, having been born in Laporte, Laporte county, Indiana, on September 23, 1861, the scion of a sterling old pioneer family, his parents being T. L. and Letitia J. (Braden) Fowler, the father having been born in Marcellus, New York, on September 22, 1834, and the mother's birth occurred in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 3, 1843. They came to Story county, Iowa, in an early day and engaged in the hotel business at Collins, conducting one of the best and most popular hostgeries in central Iowa, meeting with a large measure of success. Their hotel was destroyed by fire in the latter part of 1910, after which they purchased a pleasant and substantial home in Baxter, Jasper county, where they are now residing, retired from active life, their son, L. E., of this review, looking to their every need and comfort in their declining years. Their other son, Charles W., who was also born in Laporte, Indiana, his birth occurring on December 16, 1862, lives in South Bend, that state.

Mr. Fowler of this review grew to maturity in Laporte, Indiana, and received a good common school education, which has later in life been added to by systematic home study and miscellaneous reading and actual contact with the world. His parents being poor, he began life's struggles for himself at

the tender age of fourteen years. For a number of years he engaged in teaching, his last years in this line of endeavor being at Slater, Iowa. Having become a registered pharmacist in the meantime, he entered the drug business at Linnyville, Iowa, remaining there eight years, during which he enjoyed a liberal trade with the town and surrounding country. Disposing of this business, he moved to Baxter, Jasper county, and engaged in hardware and undertaking, securing an embalmer's certificate for the state of Iowa in 1902. In 1903 he turned his attention to banking and is now cashier of the People's State Savings Bank and a director in the same. Much of the success and popularity of this safe and conservative institution, universally recognized as one of the soundest in this section of the state, has been due to his efforts, and although it is a new bank it has enjoyed a rapid growth, doing a general banking business.

Mr. Fowler was married on September 19, 1893, to Etta Heath, a lady of culture and refinement and the representative of an excellent family. She was born in McCordsville, Hamilton county, Indiana, on October 2, 1863, and she came with her parents, Robert and Rachael (Shenkle) Heath, to Story county, Iowa, in an early day and there grew to maturity and obtained her education and for several years was one of Story county's best school teachers. These parents were both natives of Indiana, the father born on April 10, 1835, and the mother on March 27, 1837. They still reside on the old home farm in Story county, having long since become leading agriculturists of that locality. Mrs. Fowler is the eldest living of a family of five children, the others being, Belle Heath, Halleck Heath, Clarah (oldest), McNeu Heath (dead), and John Heath, of Meridian, Oklahoma.

One child, a bright lad, now attending school in Baxter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler on March 18, 1900, bearing the name Lowell Heath Fowler.

Mr. Fowler has an attractive and modern home in Baxter, tastily furnished and well supplied with the world's best literature. Politically, he is independent, subscribing to no man-made creed, but supporting those he deems worthy of trust. He has been honored by the people of this community with the secretaryship of the school board for the past six years, his long experience in the school room making him a valuable acquisition. He has also been a member of the town council of Baxter. Fraternally, Mr. Fowler belongs to Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter, and he has been secretary of the same. His church membership has always been with the Methodist Episcopals, but in the absence of that denomination in Baxter he affiliates with the Congregational church.

## THOMAS STINSON.

To a great extent the prosperity of the agricultural sections of our country is due to the honest industry, the sturdy persistence, the unswerving perseverance and the wise economy which so prominently characterize the farming element of the Hawkeye state. Among this class may be mentioned Thomas Stinson, who, by reason of years of indefatigable labor, the exercise of sound judgment and honest efforts, has not only acquired a well merited material prosperity, but has also richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he is associated.

Thomas Stinson, one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of northern Jasper county and one of the leading and most public spirited citizens of Independence township, was born in Indiana, May 5, 1847, but the major part of his useful and industrious life has been spent in this township whither he came when a boy with his parents and where the rest of the family were born and reared. He is the son of Jeremiah and Delila (Wyatt) Stinson, the father born March 1, 1813; the mother was born on September 5, 1821, and both now deceased. These parents were married on May 6, 1840, and nine children were born to them, namely: Hannah M., born February 26, 1843, is deceased; Nancy A. born September 5, 1845, is deceased; Thomas, of this review; William, born April 13, 1849; Isabell Dawson, born December 10, 1854, now deceased; George Luther, born November 22, 1852, is deceased; Annie, born June 26, 1856, lives at Clarinda, Iowa; David W., born April 14, 1858, lives in Independence township, this county; John Mitchell, born March 12, 1863, lives in Independence township.

Thomas Stinson grew up on the home place and received his education in the local schools. On April 12, 1874, he was united in marriage with Emily F. Sego, who was born in this township, on January 19, 1857, the daughter of Greenberry and Sarah D. (Goodman) Sego, who were among the earliest settlers of Jasper county, where they spent the latter part of their lives, both being now deceased. Here Mrs. Stinson grew to womanhood and was educated, being one of a family of eleven children, named as follows, five being deceased: Solomon, who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, is deceased; John W. lives near Ira, this county; Thomas is deceased; Nancy Ann Smith is living in Nebraska; Martha Jane Landerman lives in Perry, Iowa; James is deceased; Emily F., wife of Mr. Stinson of this review; Mary Rose lives in Independence township; Samuel died in infancy, as did the two youngest children. This family was reared in Independence township.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stinson, as follows: Florence Elba Dodd, born April 25, 1875, lives at Colfax, Iowa; Maggie Edith, born November 2, 1876, died September 23, 1878; John Berryl, born April 21, 1880, lives in Madison county, Iowa; Audra Belle Tipton, born December 1, 1881, is living near the home farm in Independence township; Sarah Fern Kraeht, born December 16, 1884, lives in Independence township; Verdie Opal Swinnebart, born April 24, 1886, lives in Independence township; Frank G., born May 11, 1891, who is living in Independence township, married Cretia Adkins, daughter of General and Laura Adkins, August 30, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Stinson is independent, but his support may always be depended upon in furthering any movement having as its object the betterment of his township and county. He is associated with the Methodist church at Baxter.

In a business way Mr. Stinson has been successful beyond the average man, having, by his individual efforts, economy, wise foresight and honest dealings, accumulated a competency aside from his fine farm of seven hundred and twenty acres, one of the best improved, productive and desirable of Jasper county's model farms. He is also the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Madison county. He has a beautiful home and substantial and convenient outbuildings. As a general farmer and stock raiser he easily ranks among the leaders in this locality, and personally he is a man whom to know is to respect and admire, owing to his exemplary character and his genial personality.

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#### GEORGE E. HANSON.

It is with a great degree of satisfaction to the biographer when he reverts to the life of one who has made the rough path of life smooth by his untiring perseverance, has attained success in any vocation requiring definiteness of purpose and determined action. Such a life, whether it be one of calm, consecutive endeavor, or of sudden meteoric accomplishments, must abound in both lesson and incentive and prove a guide to the young men whose fortunes are still matters for the future to determine. For many years George E. Hanson, well known and substantial stock man and agriculturist of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, has directed his efforts toward the goal of success and by patient continuance has won pronounced success. He has not only by his industry, fair dealing and sound judgment improved a fine farm and gained a competency, but has materially assisted in the general welfare of the

community, in many ways lending his valuable time and influence in the promulgation of various uplifting movements, consequently he is eminently deserving of the high esteem in which he is universally held and of the confidence reposed in him by all classes.

Mr. Hanson was born on the farm where he still resides in Clear Creek township, on January 11, 1863, and here he has been content to spend his life, gradually advancing himself from an humble beginning to a position of ease and affluence, one of the most substantial men of the township, all through his individual, unaided efforts. He is the son of Hans and Mary (Ashton) Hanson, the father born in Norway, April 13, 1828, and the mother was born in Ohio; her death occurred at Collins, Iowa, in October, 1896. When young in years the father came to America, locating in Iowa in an early day and here spent practically the rest of his life. He was a man of sterling traits, brave and a hard worker. He was a member of the famous band of forty-niners and he crossed the great western plains with an ox team to California, remaining in that state four years, then went to Australia and remained there four years, returning to the United States by way of Liverpool, England, thus circumnavigating the globe. His death occurred at Collins, Iowa, on September 14, 1896. His family consisted of seven children, four of whom are living, named as follows: J. B. is deceased; George E., of this sketch; S. S. lives at Collins; Mrs. Hulda Fancett, of Maxwell; Amos lives at Collins; William and Myrtle are deceased.

George E. Hanson grew up on the home farm where he began working in the fields when but a boy, and during the winter months he attended the public schools in his district. He took up farming for a livelihood and when but a boy evinced an especial bent toward cattle and feeds from five to six car loads yearly. Today no better judge of cattle could be found than he.

Mr. Hanson was married on April 11, 1894, to Edna Rippey, who was born in Independence township, this county, on March 7, 1867. She is the daughter of William and Ann (Arnsworth) Rippey, the father born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, April 9, 1829, and the mother's birth occurred there on April 11th of the same year. They grew up in their native community and were married in 1859. Mr. Rippey was seventeen years old when, in 1854, he came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Jasper county and was thus one of the early pioneers here; however, he later returned to Indiana, but came back to this county during the latter fifties and has since made his home here, living now at Ira. He served with much credit in the Union army during the Civil war. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, becoming one

of the largest landowners and substantial citizens of the county, owning at one time one thousand acres and he yet retains six hundred acres, after giving considerable land to his children, of whom there were eight, named as follows: Mrs. Fannie E. Lowe died in Idaho; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parker lives in Sherman township, this county; Mrs. Martha Byal lives in Clear Creek township, Jasper county; Francis J. lives near the town of Ira, this county; Frederick Grant and Mary are both deceased; Jessie M. is also deceased. Mr. Rippey was again married in 1910 to Eva Blackwood, a native of this county. Mr. Rippey is a well known and highly respected gentleman whom to know is to admire.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hanson six children have been born, namely: Harold, whose birth occurred January 1, 1895; Grace, born March 31, 1896; Lars, born June 19, 1901; Louis, born August 30, 1902; Hollis, born October 7, 1907; James B., born August 2, 1910.

Politically, Mr. Hanson is a Republican and he has taken considerable interest in local affairs. He has served very acceptably as township trustee and as a member of the local school board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are liberal supporters.

Mr. Hanson has been very successful in a business way, laying by an ample competency for his declining years. He is the owner of five hundred and thirty-three acres of choice, productive and well improved land in Clear Creek township, eighty acres of desirable land in Independence township, this county, besides one hundred and sixty acres in Texas. He has two sets of excellent buildings on the land in Clear Creek township. His attractive, modern home, commodious barns and outbuildings make his one of the finest country homes in Jasper county. Everything about the place not only denotes good taste and careful management, but thrift and prosperity, also. He carries on farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He maintains all the modern comforts and conveniences in and at his home, such as an automobile, piano, etc., and his house is heated with hot water, installed with gas lights and many other up-to-date appliances. He is a director in the Exchange State Bank of Collins. He is interested in Percheron horses, having at the head of his stables the well known "Bismark," No. 40689, American register. Owing to their superior grade and quality, his fine horses never fail to bring fancy prices when offered for sale.

Personally, Mr. Hanson is a congenial, liberal, broad-minded, unassuming gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know.

## GEORGE A. MAGGARD.

To such a man as George A. Maggard, successful farmer of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, life is so real that he finds no time to plot either mischief or vice. Such men constitute the foundation of our republican institutions and are the pride of our civilization. Their lives are bound up in their duties; they feel the weight of their citizenship, and take pleasure in sowing the seeds of uprightness. Such has been the career of the subject, who, not alone for these reasons, is eminently entitled to a place in his country's history, but partly because he is one of the worthy native sons of this vicinity and the representative of one of the hardy pioneer families of the same. Thus he has lived to see and to play no inconspicuous part in the development of this favored section of the great Hawkeye state from the days of the seemingly interminable wild prairies to the opulent present with its fine residences and productive fields.

Mr. Maggard was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, August 29, 1860, and, as intimated above, he grew to manhood here, was educated in the home schools and he has always been identified with the agricultural interests of this county. His father, Adam Maggard, was born in Indiana in 1832, and he died in Jasper county, Iowa, January 25, 1909, having come to Jasper county in 1845, when he was eighteen years of age. He was one of the earliest pioneers, having settled here before the county was even surveyed and when settlers were many miles apart, when there were numerous Indians and much wild game. He started in an humble manner, worked hard, underwent many hardships, and finally became well established and influential. He married Elizabeth Cuthbert, who was born in England, from which country she emigrated to the United States in early life and here met and married Mr. Maggard. She is still living, making her home with her son, George A. of this sketch, being now advanced in years.

There were seven children in the elder Maggard's family, namely: George A., of this review; H. H., who resides in Baxter, is represented on another page of this work; Mary Neal, born August 21, 1864, lives at Adel, Iowa; Charles H., born November 17, 1866, lives in Canada; Sarah Jane, born August 3, 1869, died March 13, 1879; William C., born June 25, 1870, lives on the old home farm in Clear Creek township; Laura May Mark, born October 6, 1875, lives in Missouri; Walter A., born October 28, 1880, lives at Ashland, Oregon. These children were all born in Clear Creek township and reared here.

Mr. Maggard of this sketch owns sixty acres of rich and well kept land

in Clear Creek township, living in Ira with his mother, where he moved in 1911. He has a pleasant home which he keeps well supplied with current literature, consequently he is a well informed man. He is independent in politics and has been school director.

The Maggards started in life here with no worldly goods, but they persevered and have made a comfortable living. They recall the days when oxen were used in farming and life in nearly every respect was different.

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#### PETER J. COOL.

The gentleman to a review of whose honorable career we now call the attention of the reader is one of the representative citizens of Independence township, one of Baxter's substantial men, having maintained his home in this locality for a period of fifty-eight years or practically all his life, consequently he has been a witness of the wonderful growth of the same from the wild plains, having come here with his parents when the period of wolves and Indians was still on. He has worked hard and his efforts have been rewarded with a large measure of success all along the line.

Peter J. Cool was born in Freeport, Illinois, July 1, 1852, the son of John and Catherine Ann Elizabeth (Kline) Cool, the father born in New Jersey and the mother in Maryland. They grew up in the East and were married there, and after living for some time in Illinois, came to Jasper county, Iowa, in October, 1853, locating in Clear Creek township, spending the rest of their lives on a farm here, both being now deceased. They were the parents of two children, William H., born January 6, 1850, died at Mt. Pleasant in 1886; and Peter J., of this sketch.

Peter J. Cool grew up on his father's farm and assisted with the general work during his boyhood, attending the pioneer schools in the winter-time. He has met with success in a business way and has secured a competency, and today he is the owner of a number of valuable and desirable residence properties in Baxter besides two hundred and twenty-six acres of good land in North Dakota. At present he represents two fire and lightning insurance companies, the Iowa State, of Keokuk, and the Fidelity Phoenix, of Brooklyn, New York. For thirty-five years he followed carpentering.

Mr. Cool was married on March 27, 1878, to Luisina B. Stone, who was born in Wisconsin, on June 10, 1860, the daughter of R. N. and Emma (Carpenter) Stone, the father born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Ohio.

They came to Iowa in an early day and both died in Maxwell, having attained an advanced age, and they passed from earthly scenes only a few hours apart, being buried in one grave at Collins, their funerals having been held at the same time. Mrs. Cool has two half-sisters, Mrs. Emma Scott and Mrs. Alice J. Kline. The eldest of the second family was Mrs. Cool, of this sketch; Lysander died in infancy; Mrs. Nettie E. Thompson; Charles is deceased; Mrs. Catherine Stevens; Mrs. Audra Ferguson, deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cool have been born six children, all living, named as follows: Mrs. Agnes Workman, born December 15, 1878, is residing in Baxter; Mrs. Leola Allen, born August 2, 1880, is living near Baxter; Mrs. Jennie Goodwin, born January 27, 1882, is living in Independence township, this county; Mrs. Wimifred Curyea, born December 16, 1883, lives at Parker, South Dakota; Mrs. Alphonse Gallager, born August 2, 1887, lives at home; Mrs. Ethel Dodd, born November 30, 1891, is living in Eden township, Marshall county. These children were all born and reared in Jasper county.

Politically, Mr. Cool is a Democrat, and he has been active in local affairs, and has been signally honored by his fellow men. He has been treasurer of the independent school district of Baxter for twelve years; he has been township clerk for six years, also constable for six years, and he was marshal of Baxter for four years. Fraternally, he is a member of Unit Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Baxter, and he belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias. He and four of his daughters belong to the Pythian Sisters of Baxter.

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#### GEORGE CLINTON GOODHUE.

Since he came to Jasper county, over a half century ago, the gentleman of whom this sketch is penned has been a witness of very important changes in this vicinity, and his reminiscences of the early days here are most interesting and entertaining to a listener. But change is constant and general, generations rise and pass unmarked away, and it is the duty of posterity as well as a present gratification to place upon the printed page a true record of the lives of those who have preceded us on the stage of action and left to their descendants the memory of their struggles and achievements. The years of the honored subject are a part of an indissoluble chain which links the annals of the past to those of the latter-day progress and prosperity, and the history of Jasper county would not be complete without due reference to the long, useful and successful life Mr. Goodhue has lived, having been adequately re-



GEORGE C. GOODHUE



warded as an earnest, courageous laborer in one of the most important fields of endeavor—agriculture. Generous and big-hearted, kindly in disposition, he has never lacked for friends, and many of them will pursue his life record, as written here, with deep interest.

George Clinton Goodhue, the oldest living resident of Malaka township, Jasper county, is the scion of a hardy and substantial New England family. He was born in Groton, Grafton county, New Hampshire, May 22, 1834, and there he grew to manhood and received such education as the early schools afforded. He came west with his parents in 1854 and settled at Marengo, Iowa county, Iowa, where his father and uncle established the family home, and since then the Goodhues have maintained their residence in the Hawkeye state.

The subject is the son of David and Betsey (Warwick) Goodhue. The former, who was of English descent, was born in Groton, Grafton county, New Hampshire, in 1803, and he died in Jasper county, Iowa, in 1886; his wife was born in South Berwick, Maine, in 1811, and she died in Newton, Iowa, in 1907. Mrs. Betsey Goodhue had been previously married and two sons were born of the first union, James and Thomas Warwick, both now deceased. George Clinton Goodhue, of this sketch, was the oldest of the children born of her last union; the others were David Dexter, born April 13, 1837, lives in Newton, Iowa; Edward Payson, born March 7, 1839, also lives in Newton.

David Goodhue, father of the subject, purchased, in partnership with an uncle of the latter, six hundred acres of choice land upon their arrival in Jasper county in 1854, for which they paid the sum of three thousand dollars. They bought two hundred and forty acres of David Betz for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, and three hundred and sixty acres of Isaac Chemosweth for the sum of sixteen hundred dollars. At that time it was considered a very large sum for Iowa land. In 1856 the family settled in Malaka township, where David Goodhue, the father, had purchased one hundred and ninety-five acres, for which he paid twenty-three hundred dollars, and here he became one of the substantial pioneer farmers and influential citizens.

The Goodhue family came west by railroad as far as Rock Island, Illinois, from which place the family walked the greater part of the way to Iowa City. They endured many of the hardships and privations encountered by all who cast their lot in a new country.

George Clinton Goodhue, of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, where he found plenty to do as soon as he was old enough to handle a

hoe or look over the plow handles; but he was quite a boy when the family started the development of their Jasper county farm and did much in getting the raw land under a good state of cultivation, and he has continued to make his home in this county, with the exception of two years spent in Massachusetts, where he followed the shoemaker's trade; he also learned the cooper's trade when a young man. Before he returned to Massachusetts he had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Malaka township, for which he paid nine hundred dollars. This land is now a part of Mr. Goodhue's home farm. He owns two hundred acres of valuable and well improved land. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and has a pleasant, well furnished home.

Mr. Goodhue was married on April 11, 1865, to Lefea S. Thomas, who was born in East Wheatland, Illinois, March 31, 1847, and she died in Jasper county, Iowa, August 17, 1885. She was the daughter of Ira B. and Mary (Munson) Thomas, both natives of New York, from which state they came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and lived there the rest of their lives, both being now deceased. Mrs. Lefea S. Goodhue had one brother, Elihu B. Thomas, now deceased.

The following children have been born to Mr. Goodhue and wife: Mrs. Lizzie M. Farr, born in 1866, lives at Cummings, Iowa; Elmer C., born July 30, 1869, is living in Malaka township, this county; Franklin Eugene, born in 1873, also lives in this township; Edward Falor, born July 5, 1878, is the youngest of the family. These children were born and reared in Jasper county and they attended the local schools.

Mr. Goodhue has taken an active interest in public affairs. He was the first constable of Malaka township, which office he filled with credit and satisfaction. He has also been road supervisor. He is a stanch Republican and he cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, "The Pathfinder." He is a member of the church at Wittemberg. He has so ordered his actions among his fellow men that he has retained the respect of all with whom he has come into contact.

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#### JAMES T. VEACH.

While the record of James T. Veach is, in the main, like that of many other men, a general mingling of life's joys and sorrows, triumphs and defeats, yet upon close scrutiny we find that he has been the exponent of right living all along the line and that success has not come to him undeserving, for he has been willing to put forth the proper effort and "hew true to the line,"

and while he is not one of our largest farmers, his little place in Independence township is a model and ranks well with the best of Jasper county farms in point of productiveness and improvement.

Mr. Veach was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, July 26, 1851, but practically all his life has been spent in Iowa, whither he came with his parents in the fall of the year in which he was born, the family settling in Linn county. In 1852 they came on to Jasper county and here they have resided ever since, having seen and taken part in its development from the first stages of its progress to the present.

The father, Samuel Veach, was born in Virginia, August 17, 1828. He came to Indiana early in life and married Maria Jane Parks, who was born in the last named state on November 1, 1831. There they began life on a farm, but emigrated overland to the newer state of Iowa, as before indicated, and they spent their last days in Jasper county, the father's death occurring here on September 30, 1910, and the mother's death occurred on January 13, 1911. They were the parents of the following children: James T., of this review, is the eldest; Mrs. Mary J. Hitchler, born September 1, 1855, died in this county, on September 12, 1885; John William, born November 13, 1857, is living near Colfax, Iowa; Mrs. Nancy A. Dales, born August 14, 1860, died in Jasper county; Samuel H., born September 10, 1862, died May 8, 1893; Flora E., born April 16, 1865, died January 20, 1880, when fifteen years of age; Mariah C., born October 6, 1868, died March 13, 1880; Charles C., born October 14, 1870, is living on the old homestead near Newton. These children were all reared in Jasper county.

James T. Veach grew up on his father's farm and when but a boy he assisted with the general work on the same; being the oldest child, he was compelled to lend a helping hand in rearing the smaller children, and, also, the farm being new it required a great deal of hard work by somebody to develop it; but all this training was good for him in later life, if it was somewhat trying on his young spirit. On February 19, 1874, he was united in marriage with Martha J. Callison, who was born in Jasper county, December 6, 1858, and here she grew to womanhood. Her father, Andrew P. Callison, was born in Tennessee June 20, 1835, and early in life he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and when the Civil war broke out he enlisted at Newton in Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Champion's Hill, May 18, 1863. His widow, known in her maidenhood as Amelia Draper, was born November 22, 1838, and is living in Baxter, Iowa. Their family consisted of five children, named as follows: James E., born March 7, 1856, is living at Newton and he owns the old homestead;

George H., born May 21, 1850, lives in Des Moines; Martha J., wife of Mr. Veach of this sketch; Anderson L., born February 6, 1860, lives at Mt. Pleasant; Andrew P., born November 6, 1862, died February 9, 1863.

To Mr. and Mrs. Veach four children have been born as follows: Shelby C., born June 26, 1876, lives at Gering, Nebraska; Mrs. Clara O. Hampton, born February 23, 1878, lives in Jasper county; James H., born November 30, 1880, died May 23, 1906; Charles S., born October 5, 1882, lives at Gering, Nebraska.

Mr. Veach has devoted his life to farming and he is now the owner of forty-three and one-half acres in Independence township, and on this he is making a very comfortable living, and he has a neat home and has laid by something for the rainy days ahead. He and his wife are members of the Reorganized Church of Latter-Day Saints. He has been a member of the local board of education and has been road supervisor.

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#### PLEASANT HODGES.

One of the sterling and honored citizens of Independence township, Jasper county, is Pleasant Hodges, the owner of one of the choice farms of his community. In the locality in which he has lived the better part of his life he is favorably looked upon as an upright and honest man and as an industrious farmer whose success is well deserved.

Mr. Hodges was born in North Carolina in 1854, the son of Welcome and Sarah (Bowles) Hodges, both deceased. Their family consisted of three sons and one daughter, namely: Mrs. Petrie, of Independence township; James, deceased; Jesse, deceased; Pleasant, of this review. The family came to this county without funds, but being industrious and managing well they have succeeded. The children attended such schools as the early days afforded, but the factor of self-help has been most important with them.

Pleasant Hodges came to Iowa in 1868 and he has resided in Polk and Jasper counties ever since. He has made farming and stock raising his life work and he is now the owner of an excellent and well improved farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, which he has placed under good improvements, and he has a cozy home.

Politically, Mr. Hodges is an independent voter, preferring to cast his ballot for the best man rather than the party. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren.

Mr. Hodges was married on November 20, 1891, to Arminta Bowles, who was born in Nebraska, July 12, 1871. Her parents moved from that state to Marshall county, Iowa, where they lived fourteen years, and there her mother, Mrs. Lucinda (Shaffer) Bowles, still resides, her father, William Bowles, being deceased. There were five children in the Bowles family as follows: Martin, who lives in Jackson, Oregon; Arthur lives in Marshall county, Iowa; Mrs. Hodges, of this review; Joseph lives in Glendale, Oregon; Charles lives in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, named as follows: Leta died in infancy; Sadie, born in Marshall county, July 3, 1893; Lucy, born October 25, 1895; Martha, born July 31, 1898; David, born November 19, 1901. These children are receiving good educations and they give much promise for future success in life. The elder girls were graduated from the rural schools in June, 1911. The younger ones are attending the schools of the neighborhood. Their parents are willing to make every reasonable sacrifice to educate their children and give them proper advantages.

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#### JAMES TRUSSEL.

The people of Independence township, Jasper county, point to James Trussel as one of their most valued citizens, admiring him for his continued interest in the affairs of the locality and for his high moral character, for his life among them for nearly a half century may well be likened to an open book.

Mr. Trussel was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, June 2, 1844. In March, 1853, he came with his parents to Iowa, located in Buchanan county and there followed farming. Purchasing additional land in Fayette county, the family moved from their log cabin which they had occupied when first beginning life in the new country to a more commodious frame dwelling located on the new purchase. Retaining the farm in Buchanan county, the elder Trussel thereby became a landlord in each of them. It was the formation period of Iowa, and it can be truly said that this was one of the real pioneer families. Their neighbors were few and developed farms infrequently seen. Their trading points were Dubuque and Iowa City. In 1864 the family moved to Independence township, Jasper county, and have made this their home continuously to the present time, becoming active in the development of the same.

Marshall Trussel, father of James of this review, was born in Vermont in 1805 and died in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1865. Elizabeth (Belt) Trussel was born in Licking county, Ohio, and died in Missouri at the age of eighty-four years, having made her home with the subject of this sketch for a period of twenty-five years, after the death of the father. There were six children in her family, as follows: Phineas, deceased; Aquilla lives in Kansas; Mary Pitkin is deceased; Elizabeth White lives in Independence, Missouri; Emma White is residing in Independence, Missouri.

James Trussel was married in Des Moines, Iowa, to Lydia Ellen Morton, who was born at Fredonia, Licking county, Ohio, December 9, 1843, and her death occurred on March 11, 1880. This union resulted in the birth of three sons and two daughters, as follows: A. M., a well known and successful business man of Baxter, Jasper county, was born August 16, 1866, and has lived here practically ever since, having grown to manhood and attended the public schools here. In 1890 he left the farm and came to Baxter, working at the carpenter's trade with W. H. Bair, who was one of the successful contractors of this town. For four years they were associated in this work. In 1894 Mr. Trussel purchased the barber shop in Baxter and with the exception of one year, operated the same to April 1, 1912, when he sold out. In addition to the shop and equipment he owns the building adjoining and the undivided one-half of another good business house here; he also owns an interest in three hundred and twenty acres of choice land in Saskatchewan, Canada. He is a Socialist in political belief, but not in an offensive way. He has been a member of the town council. Fraternally, he belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of Baxter, to which his father, James Trussel, also belongs. S. C. Trussel, the second child born to the subject of this sketch, now deceased, was born in Independence township, this county, May 29, 1868, and died November 15, 1891; Carrie Sherrard, born September 20, 1869, lives in Salt Lake City, Utah; Herman, born June 26, 1875, lives in Baxter; his wife was born in Independence township, May 29, 1868, and died October 5, 1908; Grace E. Bowen, born May 26, 1879, lives in Houston, Texas. All these children were born in Jasper county except Herman, whose birth-place was in Adair county, Iowa. He is a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, Baxter, Iowa. By occupation he is a traveling salesman for the Sharples Cream Separator Co., of Chicago.

Mrs. Lydia Ellen (Morton) Trussel was born at Fredonia, Licking county, Ohio, December 9, 1843. Her father, Marcus A. Morton, was born in Middleborough, Massachusetts, April 3, 1800, died at Valparaiso, Indiana,

December 18, 1855. Marcus A. Morton was married at Granville, Ohio, February 4, 1830, to Lydia Nicoll, where their eldest children were born: George M. Morton, November 7, 1830, residing at Le Moyne, Ohio; William W. Morton, born May 22, 1832, died at Newton, Iowa, May 20, 1901; Hiram N. Morton, born January 8, 1834, died at Winterset, Iowa; Sarah L. Morton, born December 18, 1836, of Horton, Kansas; the following children were born at Fredonia, Ohio: Elizabeth Morton, November 1, 1838, residing at Newton, Iowa; Silas W. Morton, born April 21, 1840, died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 19, 1907; Lysander Morton, born April 29, 1842, died at Fredonia, Ohio, October 22, 1842; Lydia Ellen, of this sketch, born December 9, 1843, died at Newton, Iowa, March 11, 1880; Julia E. Morton, born September 14, 1846, residing at Chicago, Illinois; Martha H. Morton, born April 22, 1848, died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 17, 1889. Mrs. Trussel's mother, Lydia (Nicoll) Morton, died at Newton, October 14, 1860. She and the children arrived at Newton October 10, 1850. She owned the farm five miles northeast of Newton. This farm remained in the family until 1901. Marcus Morton was of English descent, his wife was of Scotch descent.

James Trussel, the immediate subject of this sketch, was again married, his second wife being Hester A. Sego, who was born in Ohio and who is now living in Baxter, Iowa. There were three children born to this union, namely: Earl, born August 20, 1888; Ray, born November 24, 1890; Hazel, born August 25, 1895.

Mr. Trussel followed farming until 1891, when he worked at the carpenter's trade, but the past fourteen years he has conducted a shoe-shop in Baxter. Politically, he is a Socialist. He filled the office of constable of his township for four years in a very creditable manner. He is the owner of the business block where he maintains his shop, the other half being owned by his son, A. M., mentioned above.

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#### R. P. DAVIDSON.

Among the representative business men of Jasper county is R. P. Davidson, of Baxter, now an extensive dealer in farming implements, but who has spent the major part of his life in connection with agricultural pursuits, owning a fertile and valuable landed estate in Independence township. He is carrying on his new line of business with that enterprise, discretion and fairness which are sure to find their sequel in definite success.

Mr. Davidson was born in Independence township, this county, on October 15, 1877, and here he has been content to spend his life. He is the son of William and Eliza (Butler) Davidson. The father, born in Scotland, in March, 1833, came to America when young and died in this township, October 25, 1890. The mother was born in Cambridgeshire, England, August 15, 1833, and is now making her home with the subject of this sketch, in Baxter. By a former marriage of the father two children were born, James D. Davidson, of the state of Oregon, and a daughter, Jennie Aves, of State Center township, Marshall county, Iowa. There were eleven children by a former marriage of Mrs. Davidson, as follows: William C. Butler died in California when twenty-two years of age; John D. died in Illinois when six years old; Alfred A. died July 17, 1874; Charlotte Ann Rand lives in Mitchell, South Dakota; Emma Caroline died in infancy; Matilda Belle Hennessy lives in Oklahoma; Rosetta died when sixteen years old; George Charles Butler lives in Independence township, this county; John J. died when nine years old; Catherine Jemima Vialaud, born in May, 1866, lives in Newton, Iowa; Carrie Caulfield, born September 13, 1871, lives in Baxter, Iowa. The subject of this sketch was the only child by the marriage with Mr. Davidson.

R. P. Davidson was married on June 20, 1900, to Mary Kracht, who was born in Independence township, this county, April 1, 1878. Conrad Kracht, her father, was born in Germany in 1850. Her mother, Emma Harre, was born in Wisconsin July 30, 1858; both these parents reside in Baxter. The father emigrated to the United States when young and he became well established in the new world through his industry and good management. His family consisted of two sons and six daughters, namely: Mary, wife of Mr. Davidson; William H., born November 21, 1881, is living on the home farm in Independence township; Pauline A. Clark, born August 21, 1883, lives in Marshalltown, Iowa; Amanda S. Conwell, born June 3, 1885, lives in Independence township; Helen L., born March 24, 1887, lives in Marshalltown; Lydia H. Miller, born December 18, 1889, lives in Independence township; Ella F., born May 6, 1893; Edwin C. is attending school at Baxter. Lydia H. was graduated from the high school at Baxter with the class of 1900 and Ella with the class of 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have one daughter, Pearl, whose birth occurred on March 14, 1902; one son has also been born to them, Oscar, whose date of birth is recorded as September 24, 1905. They were both born on the farm on which their father first saw the light of day, in Independence township.

The Davidsons have been well known in this township from pioneer times, the parents of the subject having been among the early settlers here.

The son, R. P., attended the local schools and worked on the home farm when a boy, in fact he has always been engaged in farming pursuits up to 1907, when he moved to Baxter, where he has a pleasant home, but he is still the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of Independence township's best land, which he has kept well improved and well tilled. In March, 1911, he purchased an implement business in Baxter and, under the firm name of Davidson & Earley, conducts a general agricultural machinery business which is rapidly growing and in which they are very successful, carrying a large, complete, modern and carefully selected stock and their patrons come from all parts of the county and from the southern part of Marshall county.

Politically, Mr. Davidson is a Republican, and is at present a member of the school board at Baxter. He is a member of Baxter Camp No. 5642, Modern Woodmen of America, of Baxter. Mrs. Davidson is a member of the Congregational church at Baxter. They have made a host of warm personal friends since moving here.

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#### CHARLES BURDICK.

The greatest results in life are often attained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance; but practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails of success. The every-day life, with its multiform duties, affords every opportunity for the acquisition of experience of the best kind, and its most travel-worn ways provide an earnest worker with ample scope for effort and improvement. This fact having been realized by Charles Burdick, the able and popular cashier of the State Savings Bank of Baxter, and one of the well known citizens of Jasper county, he seized the small opportunities that he encountered on the labyrinthine road of life, permitting no obstacles to bar his advance toward the ultimate goal of success—never attained by the inert, craven and ambitionless plodder.

Mr. Burdick was born near Crescent City, Iroquois county, Illinois, September 24, 1876. He is the son of Giles E. and Mary (Grosvenor) Burdick, both born in Ohio, where they spent their childhood, moving to Iroquois county, Illinois, in an early day and there became well established. Their home is now at Watseka, that state. They became the parents of four sons, three of whom are living at this writing, namely: Charles of this review being the eldest; Ernest died at the age of two years; Elbert, who was born in 1880, is assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank at Watseka, Illinois; Arthur,

born in 1887, lives near Watseka. These children were all born, reared and educated in Iroquois county, Illinois.

Charles Burdick was married on May 11, 1910, to Gertrude Thelan, who was born at Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie county, Iowa, on June 29, 1880, and there she spent her girlhood and attended school. She is the daughter of John and Catherine (Leick) Thelan, both natives of Germany and both born in the year 1852, and there they grew up and were married, coming to America in early life and locating at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Thelan, eight of whom are living.

Charles Burdick has taken an active interest in the affairs of Baxter since coming here and is active in Republican polities. He is at present treasurer of the town of Baxter and also treasurer of the independent school district of Baxter. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Baxter. Mrs. Burdick is a member of the Catholic church at Rhodes. They own a cozy and modernly furnished home in Baxter.

Mr. Burdick is essentially a self-made man. His early education being limited, in fact he never attended school after he was twelve years of age, he has educated himself by actual contact with the business world and by miscellaneous home reading. When but a boy he went to Chicago and in that great metropolis got his start in the business world, and from there he came to State Center, Iowa, October 20, 1897, and there he engaged in the barbering business. In January, 1902, he became cashier of the State Savings Bank of Baxter, which position he has continued to hold to the present, discharging his duties with a fidelity, honesty and precision that has won the hearty commendation of the officials, stockholders and patrons of that popular institution. He seems to be the possessor of all the qualifications necessary to a successful cashier.

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#### GEORGE H. PEASE.

In placing the name of George H. Pease, well known jeweler, in the front rank of Baxter's business men simple justice is done to a biographical fact, recognized throughout Jasper county. A man of judgment, sound discretion and business ability of a high order, he has managed with tactful success important enterprises and so impressed his individuality upon the community as to gain recognition among its leading citizens and public-spirited men of affairs. He is the representative of one of our worthy pioneer families that

assisted in paving the way for the present-day advanced civilization and to whom we of the aftermath owe such a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Pease was born in Poweshiek township, Jasper county, on February 22, 1875, and here he grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools, and here he has continued to reside. He is the son of Hugh Anderson and Sarah Ellen (Meyers) Pease, the father born in Mansfield, Ohio, January 12, 1842. They were married on February 27, 1866, and they are at present living in Colfax, Iowa. Andrew Pease, Jr., grandfather of the subject, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1804, and he was married on January 7, 1830, to Joanna M. Cook, near Mansfield, Ohio, and from there they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1856 among the early settlers and here established a good home and became well known. Grandfather Pease was a patriotic man and he was a member of the famous "Gray Beard" regiment during the Civil war, having been mustered into service at Newton on December 15, 1862, and he was a private in Company I, Thirty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry; the hardships of soldier life were too much for his advanced years and he died while in the service at Alton, Illinois, while guarding Confederate prisoners. He had the distinction of being a soldier in the Mexican war also. His son, Hugh A. Pease, father of the subject, was also a soldier in the Union army, enlisting in the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, proving a faithful soldier and at the expiration of his term of enlistment he received an honorable discharge. There were also other members of this family in the Civil war. The paternal grandparents of the subject moved to Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1773. It was then a wild, unbroken wilderness, and in addition to hardships incident to the life of such pioneers, they were in the region laid waste by the ravages of a nine years' war. The subject of this sketch is in possession of a genealogical record of the family extending over three hundred and fifty years. All branches of the family were early settlers of America and in all walks of life they have been more or less prominent in each generations wherever they have dispersed.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Pease, all of whom are living, namely: Frank G., born December 10, ——, lives in Colfax; George H., of this sketch; John M., born October 18, 1876, lives at Sacred Heart, Minnesota; Maude Mary, born May 5, 1882; Nellie, born May 30, 1886; the last two named are at home in Colfax. They were all born, reared and educated in Jasper county.

George H. Pease followed farming until 1900, when he engaged in the jewelry business at Charter Oak, Iowa, also conducted the same business at Farmer and Malcom prior to coming to his present location at Baxter, Iowa.

He has been very successful in this line of endeavor and has built up a large and growing trade with the town and county, carrying a full line of jewelry, silverware, cut-glass, china and notions. Always carefully selecting an up-to-date and attractive stock, and owing to the courteous, considerate and honest treatment accorded all customers, the prestige and popularity of this store has ever advanced until a very large business is now the result. Besides his store, Mr. Pease owns a modern and well-furnished home.

Mr. Pease was married on November 17, 1910, to Myrtle M. Webb, who was born in Independence township, this county, on December 5, 1883. She was graduated from the Baxter high school with the class of 1902, and she has spent her life in her home community.

Politically, Mr. Pease is a Republican and, fraternally, he belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and Mrs. Pease is a member of Baxter Temple No. 202, Pythian Sisters. They are pleasant young people, genial, neighborly and are prominent in the social life of the community.

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#### FRANK W. TRAMEL.

A man who boldly faces the responsibilities of life and by determined and untiring energy carves out for himself an honorable success exerts a strong influence upon the lives of all who follow him. Such men constitute the foundation of our republican institutions and are the pride of our civilization. Such a man is Frank W. Tramel, one of the best known and most enterprising of the young farmers and stock men of Clear Creek township. There is peculiar interest attached to a resume of his career in view of the fact that he has here spent his life and also because he is a most creditable representative of one of our best pioneer families, the name Tramel having been well known in Jasper county through all its stages of development.

Frank W. Tramel was born in Clear Creek township, this county, on the old homestead where he now lives, January 27, 1871, and here he grew up and was educated and has always followed agricultural pursuits in this community. His father, J. J. Tramel, was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, November 26, 1842, and is deceased. When ten years of age he came to Clear Creek township, this county, with his father, they being, as stated above, among the earliest settlers here. The date of their arrival was October 10, 1852. The paternal grandfather, W. A. B. Tramel, was born in North Carolina, in February, 1802, and he died on the old homestead in Clear Creek township, Jasper

county, Iowa, in April, 1897. His wife, who was known in her maidenhood as Cynthia Alexander, was born in Indiana in 1804, and her death occurred on March 3, 1878. J. J. Tramel, mentioned above, married Hannah Crawford, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, August 30, 1849, and she emigrated to Poweshiek township, Jasper county, Iowa, with her father in an early day and here spent the rest of her life, dying in 1891. Frank W., of this review, was the only child of this union. The father enlisted in the Union army from Clear Creek township, August 22, 1862, in Company D, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served very faithfully for three years, during which he fought at Port Gibson and in the siege of Vicksburg. He was honorably discharged and was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa.

On March 11, 1896, Frank W. Tramel was united in marriage with Grace B. Jeffries, who was born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, July 26, 1872, the daughter of A. E. and Emily H. (Keyes) Jeffries, the father born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, January 13, 1840, and is still living in Jasper county, at the town of Ira; the mother was born in Benton county, Iowa, August 9, 1850, and died in Independence township, this county, April 22, 1904. They were early settlers in Jasper county and became well known and highly respected. Their family consisted of four children, namely: Grace, wife of Mr. Tramel, of this review, is the eldest; Vesta Pease, born May 22, 1874, of Poweshiek township, Jasper county; Heziah, born February 11, 1876, lives at Des Moines; Xanthe, born December 21, 1877, lives at Burwell, Nebraska; she was born in Crawford county, Iowa, but the others were all born in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tramel two children have been born, a daughter and a son, namely: Mildred Grace, whose birth occurred on May 31, 1898; Howard James, born January 18, 1902, the former in Independence township and the latter on the old Tramel homestead.

Mr. Tramel has been very successful in his life work and he is the owner of one hundred and seventy acres in Independence township, on which are two sets of good buildings, and he also has eighty acres in the home farm, which consists of one hundred and ninety acres, and his improvements on all his land are modern and first class, his home being commodious, pleasant and well furnished. He carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and in a manner that stamps him as being fully abreast of the times.

Politically, Mr. Tramel is a Republican, and he has always manifested a lively interest in local affairs. He is at present a member of the township board of trustees, and he has been a member of the school board. He belongs

to Camp No. 5660, Modern Woodmen of America, of Ira, also the Yeomen lodge of that place, and he and his wife are members of the Disciples of Christ of Ira. They are pleasant people to meet, broad-minded, liberal and can claim a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

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#### LEO P. BAILE.

To attain a worthy citizenship by a life that is always honored and respected even from childhood deserves more than mere mention. It is no easy task to resist the many temptations which assail and beset the pathway of youth and early manhood and plant a character in the minds and hearts of associates that will remain untarnished for all time to come. One may take his place in public life through some vigorous stroke of public policy, and even remain in the hearts of friends and neighbors, but to take the same position by dint of the practice of an upright life and without a craving for exaltation and popularity, is worthy of the highest commendation. One of the highly respected and industrious young men of Baxter, Jasper county, is Leo P. Bale, who was born in Newton township, this county, on May 3, 1886, and here he grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools. He has always resided in this locality, of which his parents were early settlers, his mother being eleven years old and his father twenty-one when they came here. He is the son of John and Mary (Donnelly) Bale, the father born in Rockford county, Illinois, on July 10, 1853, while the mother's birth occurred in Louisiana on July 6, 1855. She came North when a child and grew to womanhood in Jasper county, Iowa, was educated in the old-time schools and here she and Mr. Bale were married and he spent the rest of her life here, dying in Newton on April 28, 1907. The father of the subject grew to manhood in Illinois and about 1864 came to Jasper county, Iowa, and married and here devoted his life to farming. He is now living in Baxter, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie K. Bailey, she being the eldest of a family of seven children, her birth occurring in Newton, Iowa, on January 17, 1881; the others are: William, born September 23, 1883, lives in this county; Leo P., of this sketch; Mrs. Henry Bunse, born April 28, 1886, lives near Newton; John, born February 21, 1892, lives in Baxter; Vernon, born August 23, 1895, lives in Newton; Maurice, born August 13, 1898, lives in Newton. All these children were born, reared and educated in Jasper county.

Leo P. Bale was married on December 3, 1908, to Dora Bunse, who was

born in Newton township, this county, November 8, 1861, and here she grew to womanhood, was educated and has always lived here. She is the daughter of Fred and Henrietta (Flamma) Bunse, both natives of Germany, the father born in Helminghausen on September 29, 1848, and the mother born in Stormbraugh on March 25, 1859. There they spent their childhood and were married May 15, 1882, emigrating to America in August, 1883, locating in Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, where they remained until 1888, when they moved to Jasper county and here became very comfortably established, and here the father spent the rest of his life, dying in Sherman township, December 16, 1900. The mother is still living in Sherman township.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bunse, namely: Mrs. Frank Brisel, born in Germany, January 23, 1883, is living in Sherman township; Henry, born February 14, 1885, of Sherman township; Herman, born August 27, 1889; Dora, wife of Mr. Bale of this sketch; Meta, born September 27, 1895, lives in Sherman township. This family was reared in Jasper county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bale has been born one daughter, Wilma Arlene, whose birth occurred at Ira, November 3, 1909.

Mr. Bale purchased an interest in the dray line at Baxter in 1911 and this he is successfully engaged in. Politically, he is a Democrat and he belongs to the Catholic church at Newton. Fraternally, he belongs to Active Lodge No. 516, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Baxter. Mrs. Dora Bale is a member of Baxter Rebekah Lodge No. 579.

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#### BENJAMIN CARVER.

One of the most painstaking and successful farmers of northwestern Jasper county is Benjamin Carver, a man who has always advocated that whatever was worth doing at all was worth doing well, hence his continued success in his chosen line of endeavor. Being an omnivorous reader, he keeps well abreast of the times, not only in matters pertaining to agricultural affairs, but general topics, keeping the best current literature in his home.

Mr. Carver, like many of the enterprising people of this section of the Hawkeye state, is a Pennsylvanian by birth, the record showing that he was born in Pennsylvania on November 22, 1850. In early life he moved with his parents to Wisconsin, later to Illinois, thence to Story county, Iowa, and in 1880 the family came to Jasper county, where they have since lived. He is the son of Jabez and Ellen (Jackson) Carver, both natives of Pennsylvania.

the father born on September 2, 1822, and the mother on January 9, 1831. They grew up in their native state and were educated and married there and devoted their lives to agricultural pursuits. They both died in Jasper county, Iowa, the father on August 10, 1886, and the mother on December 10, 1894. Their family consisted of thirteen children, twelve of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Lydia Stark, born August 1, 1850, lives in Sycamore, Illinois; John, born October 29, 1851, lives in Minnesota; Samuel, born May 7, 1853, lives in Jasper county; Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Dixon, born November 15, 1854, lives in Collins, this county; Benjamin, of this sketch; Mrs. Sarah Jane Stark, born May 21, 1858, lives in Maxwell, Iowa; Mrs. Ada Elzona Hughes, born August 30, 1860, is living in Webster City, Iowa; Jabez, born May 23, 1863, died October 29, 1909; Mrs. Minnette Teeter, born October 28, 1865, is living in Marshall county, Iowa; Dewitt Edwin, born August 9, 1867, lives in Jasper county; Mrs. Mary Ellen Garret, born May 24, 1870, lives in Aurora, Nebraska; Florence Louisa Carver, born December 1, 1873, of Sycamore, Illinois; Ira Douglas, born April 10, 1875, lives in Dakota. The seven eldest children were born in Pennsylvania and the four following were born in Wisconsin, while the two youngest were born in Illinois.

Benjamin Carver is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres of choice land in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, which he has placed under a high state of improvement. Although the work is done by a tenant, Mr. Carver has the directing of the crops and the general overseeing of the place. Through his industry and application, he has secured a competency. He raises large numbers of grade stock. Politically, he is a Democrat. He has never assumed the responsibilities of the married state.

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#### W. R. VANDIKE.

All honor is due the courageous pioneers who were willing to leave their ancestral homes in the East and come to the new state of Iowa when it was little known to civilization, when the wild beasts of various types and scarcely less wilder tribes of red men here held the balance of power. They were truly hardy spirits, but they braved the dangers, underwent the hardships always incident to pioneer life and in due course of time became well established, making the wild plains blossom and bring forth abundant harvests and now their homes and those of the latter generation are seen on every hand, all pleasant and inviting. Of this worthy band of early settlers the name of W.



MR. AND MRS. W. R. VANDIKE



R. Vandike is inseparably linked with the early history of the locality of which this volume treats. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, October 1, 1835, and there he spent his early childhood, leaving his native hills on August 26, 1856, and came by team in a tedious overland journey to Jasper county, Iowa, and he has been a continuous resident here ever since. His first settlement was made in Clear Creek township and his life has been, for the most part, spent in agricultural and educational pursuits, in which he has met with very satisfactory results. In the spring of 1891 he with his estimable helpmate retired from the active duties of the farm and moved to their cozy home in the town of Baxter, where they are enjoying the fruits of their former years of endeavor.

Mr. Vandike is the son of John and Elizabeth (Aultman) Vandike, the father a native of Saline county, New Jersey, and the mother was born in Pennsylvania, grew to womanhood in Ohio and died in 1851. The father of John Vandike having died when the latter was quite young, he was reared by his grandfather near Philadelphia, and his death occurred in Benton county, Iowa, in 1880. His family consisted of seven children, namely: Henry W., ex-mayor of Belle Plaine, Iowa, died there in August, 1899, at the age of eighty years; Jane B. Crawford died when twenty-five years old; Hanna A. Ridgeway died in California in June, 1909, at the age of seventy-seven years; W. R., of this review; J. P. lives near Elberon, Iowa; S. P., who was county auditor of Benton county, Iowa, for five years, lives at Belle Plaine, this state; Mary E. Walton lives in Custer county, Nebraska.

W. R. Vandike grew up on the home farm and worked hard when a boy. He was married in Independence township, this county, on November 1, 1860, to Sarah F. Cushatt, who was born in Hart county, Kentucky, September 4, 1842. Her father, Aquilla Cushatt, was born in Alabama in 1816. He migrated to North Carolina, thence to Kentucky, later to Jasper county, Iowa, as a pioneer. When the Civil war came on he enlisted for service in the Union army in Company I, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served four years, receiving an honorable discharge, after which he returned to agricultural pursuits; his death occurred in Independence township, this county, on April 14, 1889. He married Osee Logsdon, who was born in Hart county, Kentucky, and died in Baxter, Iowa, February 3, 1889. They settled in Jasper county in 1848, when the country was wild and there were few settlers. There were eleven children in their family, all but four dying when quite young; those who grew to maturity were Sarah E., wife of Mr. Vandike, of this review; Andrew, born March 10, 1844, is living in Colorado; Robert W. was born July 30, 1852, and he lives in Jasper county, Iowa; Isa-

belle Thompson, born July 14, 1855, died at Rocky Ford, Colorado, February 14, 1900.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vandike seven children have been born, four of whom died in infancy; those living are John Aquilla, born in Jasper county July 29, 1861, who, after completing the common school work, entered the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated, later taking up teaching as a profession, at which he has been very successful and was formerly superintendent of schools at Plainview, Wabasha, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and he is at present superintendent of schools at Coleraime, that state 11. Walter Vandike was born November 6, 1868, was graduated from the common schools, later attended college at Iowa City and Mt. Vernon; he became an actor and has met with a large degree of success. Augusta Jane Bair, born December 11, 1874, is residing in Newton, Iowa. These children were all reared in Independence township. Their father gave them every advantage of education and was of much assistance to them personally in this, for he was for a long period one of the leading educators of this locality, having taught twenty-four terms, during which time his services were in great demand and he was universally popular with both pupils and patrons. He has always been a student, has kept well abreast of the times on all current questions. He has all his life manifested an abiding interest in public school work and has been a director for many terms. Perhaps few have done so much for local educational affairs as he. He was president of the board of education at Baxter for a period of twenty years, and still holds that office, and was secretary of Independence township for an equal period. He has been justice of the peace for ten years, and assessor of the town for the same length of time. He has filled all public trusts in a manner that has reflected much credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned.

This worthy and highly esteemed pioneer couple moved to Baxter in 1891, where they own nine acres of valuable land besides a commodious and neatly furnished home. Here they celebrated their golden wedding on November 1, 1910. Mr. Vandike is a member of Unit Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter and he has been master of the same for two years. Personally, he is well informed, public-spirited, broad and liberal-minded, charitable and advocates the simple life. Politically, he is a Democrat and belongs to the Congregational church. It is doubtful if any couple in Jasper county can claim a broader acquaintance or more friends than they. It is interesting to hear them recall reminiscences of pioneer days and of the subsequent work in bringing this favored section up to a level of any in the great Hawkeye commonwealth.

## JOHN P. WELLS.

One of the well known and influential citizens of the locality of which this history treats is John P. Wells, a man who has met with encouraging success all along life's rugged road because he has worked for it along legitimate lines and has dealt honestly with his fellow men. He was born in Warren county, New Jersey, January 27, 1844, but the major part of his life has been spent in the middle West. When four years of age, in 1848, his parents brought him to Bureau county, Illinois, where they remained until 1856, when they removed to Indian Creek township, Story county, Iowa, where he has continued to reside. He is the son of Charles Wells, who was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, spent most of his life engaged in farming in Illinois and Iowa and died in Story county in 1880. The paternal grandfather of the subject, George Wells, was born in New York city, and the great-grandfather of John P. Wells was a sea captain. The mother of the subject was known in her maidenhood as Sarah Park and was a native of Warren county, New Jersey. Her death occurred in Story county, Iowa, in 1890. The Wells family consisted of ten children, five of whom are still living. They were named as follows: Andrew J. is deceased; Mrs. Angeline H. Keel is deceased, as is also Harvey F.; Mrs. Mary Matilda Maryhew is living in Nebraska; Joseph G. is living in Maxwell, Iowa; John P., of this sketch; Mrs. Adeline Hardenbrook lives in Maxwell, Iowa; George S. is deceased; Mrs. Minerva Angelo lives in Oklahoma; a son died in infancy. Five children were born to John P. Wells by a former wife, known in her maidenhood as Lottie Finney, two of whom are living; Delia Ann died at the age of two and one-half years; the two eldest children died in infancy; Mrs. Nellie May Granger, born June 15, 1880, is living in Collins; Maude Iola, born September 1, 1886, is also living in Collins. Mrs. Wells was first married to B. F. Stevens and to them the following children were born: Mrs. Sarah Ellen York, born May 27, 1858, is living in Oklahoma; John William, born September 17, 1860, lives in Nebraska; Andrew Jackson, born January 15, 1863, lives in Story county; Mrs. Addie Ann Cunningham, born March 8, 1865, died November 5, 1907; Mrs. Margaret Jane Benson, born October 26, 1867, died October 13, 1909; Mrs. Martha Rozella Bates, born January 1, 1870, is living in Collins township, Story county; Mrs. Zora Olive Lindsrum, born March 18, 1872, died November 6, 1909; Mrs. Melinda Capitola Roush, born July 12, 1874, of Des Moines, Iowa. After the death of Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Wells was again married to J. F. Millhouse, who was born January 1,

1844, and the following were the children by this union: Charles Madison, born April 10, 1878, lives in Minnesota; Mrs. Alice Victoria Coulter, born January 6, 1880, lives in San Francisco, California; Mrs. Bertie Agnes Boutnott, born March 3, 1882, of Maxwell, Iowa. Mrs. Wells is a woman of strong personality and has a host of friends wherever she is known. She is a sister of Oliver B. Fuller, a sketch of whom appears in this volume, to which the reader is respectfully referred for a full history of her parents and the Fuller family.

John P. Wells is one of the veterans of the Civil war, having served faithfully in the Union army, enlisting from Linn county, Iowa, early in the war, in Company B, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to duty in the Independent division of the Army of the Frontier. After the siege of Vicksburg he was in the Thirteenth Corps, First Brigade, Second Division, Department of the Gulf, and served three years, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. He served under General Canby, and saw some hard service; besides the siege of Vicksburg, he was in the battles of Prairie Grove, Fort Hudson, Fort Blakely and the capture of Mustang Island. He returned to Story county after the war and devoted his life to farming, in which he met with a large measure of success, retiring from the farm in 1905. He is now a resident of Collins, Story county, where his wife owns the hotel and he an attractive dwelling.

Politically, Mr. Wells is a Democrat and he has been a member of the school board. He belongs to Amity Lodge No. 361, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Collins, and he was its first and second noble grand, and was district deputy grand master in 1893.

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#### FRANCIS J. RIPPEY.

Among the native-born men of Independence township who occupy a prominent place in the esteem of the people of Jasper county is Francis J. Rippey, who is respected by all who know him, for fair dealing has been his watchword. He is optimistic, looking on the bright side of life, and is seldom heard to complain at the rough places in the road, knowing that life is a battle in which no victories are won by the slothful, but that the prize is to the vigilant and the strong of heart.

Mr. Rippey was born in Independence township, March 18, 1870. He is

the son of William F. and Ann (Armsworth) Rippey, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Francis J. Rippey, of this sketch, grew to manhood on his father's farm and assisted in the general work about the place, and he received his education in the local schools. He took up agricultural pursuits for a livelihood and has continued the same to the present day, and he is now the owner of one of the choice farms of Independence township, consisting of two hundred and eighty acres, upon which are two sets of excellent improvements, his home being modern in all its appointments. Everything about the place denotes thrift and prosperity and he is regarded as one of the leading young farmers of this part of the county.

Francis J. Rippey was married on January 29, 1896, to Zella B. Miller, who was born in Indiana on March 25, 1874, the daughter of Elisha and Martha (Murphy) Miller, the father born in Indiana, and he is now a resident of Clear Creek township, this county. Mrs. Rippey has one brother and one sister. To Mr. and Mrs. Rippey two sons have been born, namely: Russell, born February 25, 1899, and William Gale, born October 17, 1902.

Politically, Mr. Rippey is a Republican and he has served as school director of his district. He belongs to the Methodist church at Ira, the Modern Woodmen of America at Ira, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mingo. Mrs. Rippey is a member of the Yeomen.

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#### WILLIAM E. BAILEY.

One of the substantial and progressive citizens of Baxter, recently retired from the active duties of life, and who was formerly one of the leading agriculturists and stock men of Jasper county, is William E. Bailey, a man who, as owner of the Oak Grove herd of shorthorn cattle, won a widespread reputation in his chosen field of endeavor, having been long noted for his excellent ability to judge live stock. He was a man who believed in employing the most approved methods in farming, studied his soil with a view of learning its quality and capacity and for what crops it was best adapted; he used fertilizers as needed and rotated his crops so that the land was not exhausted by repeated cultivation of a single product. He has been a reader of agricultural and horticultural literature, attended exhibits, made comparisons of his methods and results with those of his neighbors; he believes in attending the lectures and demonstrations made by those in charge of the agricultural and

stock trains that the government or agricultural associations send over the country, and is interested in the practical work of the national agricultural department and of the state experiment stations, in short, he believes in keeping fully awake to the possibilities of his calling and making every effort to increase the output along the most advanced lines. Thus his large success so early in life is not to be wondered at.

Mr. Bailey was born in Independence township, this county, on May 5, 1872, and here he has spent his life, having always been identified with agricultural and stock raising pursuits. He is the son of William, Sr., and Elinor (Caragher) Moonen-Bailey, the father born in Lincolnshire, England, March 14, 1819. He came to New York state in 1830 and remained there four years engaged in farming. He came on to Ohio in 1835, then took up the study of medicine and surgery at Greentown, Stark county, Ohio, and he was later graduated from Lake Erie University, now the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, and for twenty years he practiced his profession with much success. In 1866 he moved to Newton, Iowa, where he continued to practice a year, then for eighteen months he engaged in the mercantile business there, then moved to Boonesboro. In various parts of the United States he carried on various business enterprises, conducted a saw-mill for some time, and finally purchased a herd of cattle in Texas and brought them to Iowa. He was an extensive traveler and visited all parts of the Union. He was a man of strong characteristics and made his influence felt wherever he went, and was very successful as a business man and a physician. His death occurred at Newton, Iowa, on July 25, 1907. He was twice married, his second wife, mother of the subject, being a native of Tioga county, New York, where she was born in 1835; she died on August 26, 1882. One child was born to the first union, Mrs. Lucy Mann, now residing in Turlock, California. The six children born to the second union of Dr. William Bailey were named as follows: John died in infancy; Mrs. Elinor Ann Galbraith, born December 22, 1856, died February 20, 1905; Mrs. Mary Sophia Scott, born December 9, 1868; William, of this review; Mrs. Margaret Smith, born November 20, 1876, lives in Newton, Iowa. These children were reared in Jasper county.

Dr. William Bailey, Sr., was a member of Unit Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Baxter. He was president of the school board here for four years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Newton, while his wife belonged to the Catholic church there. He was one of the earliest and most successful of Jasper county's physicians.

The son, William Bailey, of this sketch, received a good education in the local schools and here he grew to manhood. He was married on December

3, 1903, to Lizzie K. Bale, who was born in Newton, Iowa, on January 17, 1881, and there she grew to womanhood and was educated and she has always lived in this county. She is the daughter of John and Mary (Donnelly) Bale, the father born in Rockford, Illinois, July 10, 1853, and he is residing with the subject of this sketch. The mother of Mrs. Bailey was born in Louisiana on July 6, 1855, and died in Newton, Iowa, on April 28, 1907. There were seven children in the family, all living, named as follows: Lizzie K., wife of Mr. Bailey, of this sketch; William, born September 23, 1883, lives in this county; Leo P., born May 3, 1886, is living in Baxter; Mrs. Henry Bunse, born April 28, 1889, lives near Newton; John, born February 21, 1892, lives in Baxter; Vernon, born August 23, 1895, lives in Newton; Maurice, born August 13, 1898, lives in Newton. All these children were born and reared in Jasper county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey one daughter has been born, Mary Thelma, whose birth occurred in Independence township, August 6, 1905.

Politically, Mr. Bailey is a Democrat, and he is a member of Active Lodge No. 516, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Baxter, and he belongs to the canton at Newton, while Mrs. Bailey is secretary of the Baxter Rebekah Lodge No. 579, of Baxter. He has been a member of the school board of Independence township for two years. Mrs. Bailey is a member of the Catholic church at Newton.

Mr. Bailey has been very successful in a business way and has laid by a sufficient competency to insure his future years from want. He sold his fine farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres, in the fall of 1911 and moved to Baxter, where he has a cozy, commodious and attractive home and here the family intend to reside permanently. His Oak Grove herd of shorthorn cattle was among the best to be found in the state.

The subject and wife are sociable, neighborly people, hospitable and obliging and they number their friends by the scores.

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#### LAWRENCE HUTSON.

It is a pleasure to meet the old settler—one who came here when young, when the observation was quickest and the mind most plastic—and learn from his lips of the trials which were endured for the sake of the happy homes which now dot the county of Jasper. Such a man is Lawrence Hutson, of Mingo, one of the well known and highly honored citizens of this locality.

Most of his earlier impressions were gained in the woods of the pioneer period and he relates many interesting stories of those times. The pioneers were happy. It is singular how easily a person can adapt himself to any surroundings and derive comfort therefrom. And yet it fails to be at all singular when account is taken of the selfish desire of the human race to be comfortable. If we have enough to eat and enough to wear and a little ahead and an outlook for some good reading matter we can manage to worry along and derive some satisfaction out of life. So the old settlers were contented with their lot, much more so than we, with our so-called advanced methods of living.

Lawrence Hutson, like many of our enterprising citizens, hails from the old Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1832. He spent his youth in Ohio, where he received his education in the common schools and there grew to manhood, remaining there until he was twenty-three years of age, when he made the overland journey to Jasper county, Iowa, arriving here in June, 1855, and he has lived in the county ever since, a period of fifty-seven years, during which time he has seen a wonderful transformation, the wild prairies give way to fertile farms and comfortable homes, and he has been active in the work of the same. There were no railroads in this part of the country when he came here, in fact, he says there was nothing but a grove to give any evidence of civilization when he arrived in this part of Jasper county and there were little evidences of the future conditions of the county. There were no trading points within a radius of fifty miles. But he was a man who had a wise foresight and cared nothing for hardships and obstacles, so set to work with a will and in due course of time had a pleasant home and a good farm in Clear Creek township, eighty acres, on which he has made a good living and is now surrounded by plenty, spending his declining age in quiet.

Mr. Hutson was married in March, 1860, to Miss Southern, and seven children were born to them, named as follows: William is deceased; Edwin died in infancy; D. L. lives in Mexico; Frank lives in Butte, Montana; John's residence is unknown; Alonzo lives at Mingo, Jasper county; Maude is deceased. The two eldest children were born in Long Grove, Jasper county, the younger ones in Clear Creek township, and they were reared and educated in this county.

Politically, Mr. Hutson is a Republican, and while he has always been interested in public affairs, he has never been an office seeker. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. Mr. Hutson has retired from active life and is making his home with the family who tends his place. He is regarded as one of the best read men in his community, having been an avid

reader of current literature, up to a few years ago, when his eyesight gave way. He is a man whom everybody speaks in the highest terms of, his life having been singularly exemplary.

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#### GEORGE C. BUTLER.

Among those men of Jasper county, who by the mere force of their personality have forged their way to the front ranks of that class of citizens who may properly be termed progressive, is George C. Butler, who has a fine farm in Independence township which he has taken a great interest in and which he has improved in a most systematic way until it is equal to any in the vicinity where it is so admirably located.

Mr. Butler was born at Downers Grove, DuPage county, Illinois, December 4, 1866. When a mere child he came with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, and has been a continuous resident here since, having devoted his life to farming, having accumulated, by hard work and good management, three hundred acres of choice land in Jasper county and one hundred and sixty acres in Marshall county, which he has kept well improved and highly cultivated, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a manner that stamps him as being fully abreast of the times. He has a modern and attractive home and everything about his place denotes good taste, thrift and the exercise of good judgment.

George C. Butler is the son of Charles and Eliza (Davey) Butler, both natives of Cambridgeshire, England, the father born on March 31, 1828, and the mother on August 13, 1833, the former dying in Jasper county, Iowa, March 5, 1871, and the latter is living with her youngest son, R. P. Davidson, in Baxter. There were eleven children in this family, five of whom are still living, namely: William C. died in California when twenty-two years of age; John D. died in Illinois when six years old; Alfred A. died July 17, 1874; Charlotte Ann Rand is residing at Mitchell, South Dakota; Emma Caroline died in infancy; Matilda Belle Marshall lives in Hennessey, Oklahoma; Rossella died when sixteen years old; George Charles, of this review; John J. died when nine years old; Catherine Jemima Aillaud, born in May, 1869, lives in Newton, Iowa; Carrie Caulfield, born September 13, 1871, lives in Baxter; and R. P. Davidson, of Baxter, whose sketch appears in this book.

George C. Butler, of this review, was married July 12, 1893, to Fannie Phipps, who was born in Kentucky, December 28, 1869, and when quite

young she came with her parents to Iowa, the family locating in Jasper county. She is the daughter of James and Mary (Upchurch) Phipps, both born in Kentucky, the father on June 14, 1837; he is residing at Marceline, Missouri, the mother having died in Jasper county at the age of forty-two years. They were the parents of seven daughters and two sons, namely: Theodosia died in infancy; Felix is living in Kellogg, Jasper county (see his sketch in this work); Lizzie Amy is living in Colorado; Fannie, wife of the subject; Emma Perin lives in Independence township, this county; Anna Thompson lives in Baxter; John is deceased; Mary Jane died at the age of thirteen years; Ellen Wolfe is living in Colorado.

To Mr. and Mrs. Butler eight children have been born, seven of whom are living, namely: Charles J., born May 7, 1894; Glen D., born October 5, 1895; Alfred Wayne, born March 29, 1899; Harry, born December 18, 1901; Mabel, born December 20, 1903; Louie, born July 21, 1905, died March 8, 1907; Allen, born January 25, 1908; Fred, born January 30, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Butler is a Republican, and he takes a good citizen's interest in local affairs. He has served as school director.

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#### ALBERT A. GIPSON.

The gentleman whose name heads this paragraph is regarded as one of the progressive young agriculturists of Independence township, where he has spent all his life. His well directed efforts in practical every-day affairs, his capable management of his business interests and his sound judgment have brought to him prosperity and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished by any man of energy and ambition who is not afraid to work and has the perseverance to continue his labors in the face of any discouragements which may seem to arise. In all the relations of life he has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

Mr. Gipson was born in Independence township, Jasper county, November 22, 1876. He is the son of George and Emma (Davey) Gipson, the father born in Lincolnshire, England, May 2, 1831, and the mother in Cambridgeshire, England, July 21, 1839.

Albert A. Gipson, of this sketch, grew up on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work when a boy, and during the winter months he attended the neighboring schools. On April 30, 1901, he was united in marriage with Ella Vansice, who was born in Independence township, on the

farm where she now resides, June 18, 1877. She is the daughter of John M. and Malinda (Richmond) Vansice, the father born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1855, and the mother in Jasper county, Iowa, on January 11, 1860. The father was thirteen years old when he left his native state and emigrated to Jasper county with his parents in 1868 and here he grew to manhood, received his education and has resided here ever since. A full sketch of him appears elsewhere.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gipson have been born five children, namely: Marvin Hewitt, born April 9, 1893; Merrill Alfred, born April 7, 1905; a daughter, born April 17, 1908, died three days later, unnamed; Hazel Wanda, born June 3, 1910; Helen Myrtle, born March 4, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Gipson own the old Vansice homestead in Independence township, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, which is well improved and well cultivated, and here they carry on successfully general farming and stock raising, keeping good grades of stock.

Politically, Mr. Gipson is a Republican and he has been road supervisor of Malaka township. He is a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of Baxter.

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#### SQUIRE W. STEVENS.

One of the well known young men of the vicinity of Collins, Jasper county, is Squire W. Stevens, who, while the days of vigorous manhood were still with him, has improved them by close application to duty instead of wasting them in idleness or "riotous living," as was said of the prodigal, one or the other of which so many of our young men of today are guilty of, and thus, after several years of good management and hard work, Mr. Stevens finds himself well on the road to prosperity, the future promising much for him.

On July 3, 1883, Mr. Stevens was born in Polk county, Iowa, grew to maturity on the home farm, and has always followed farming. He obtained his education in the common schools. He is the son of Bedford and Anneta (Hanks) Stevens. The father, a native of this state, was long known as one of the leading farmers and stock men of his locality, raising large numbers of excellent live stock of various grades. The subject has six half brothers and half sisters by a former marriage of the father. There are ten full brothers and sisters of the Stevens family, named as follows: Bradford; Squire W.,

of this sketch; Quincy, Edith, Jennie, William, Ethel, Iva, Winford, Velma and Thelma.

Squire W. Stevens was married on March 29, 1905, to Ardella C. Kline, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, May 8, 1881. She was reared on the farm where she now resides, and, like Mr. Stevens, was educated in the common schools of her neighborhood. She is the daughter of Peter and Lydia Ann (Deeter) Stevens, the father being one of the earliest settlers in Jasper county, having moved with his family to Clear Creek township in 1856. The mother was born in Ohio and her death occurred in Clear Creek township, this county, May 31, 1893, when fifty-four years, eight months and eight days old. There was but one child in the Kline family besides Mrs. Stevens, Commodore, who was born in Clear Creek township, July 2, 1864, and died February 28, 1899.

Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, namely: Virgil, born June 25, 1907, and Harold Lee, born September 16, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are the owners of two hundred acres of Clear Creek township's choice land, which is well improved and under a fine state of cultivation, their valuable and attractive place being known as "Shadeland." In connection with general farming, Mr. Stevens keeps a large herd of Chester White hogs, one of the finest in the state, and owing to the superior quality of his stock they find a very ready market and are much admired by all who see them.

Politically, Mr. Stevens is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Christian church at Collins. He is also a member of the Yeomen and Mystic Workers at Collins, and he takes a leading part in all matters pertaining to the general good of the community.

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#### ALFRED D. GIPSON.

Tireless energy and honesty of purpose seem to be the chief characteristics of A. D. Gipson, one of the leading farmers of Independence township, Jasper county, where he has been content to spend his entire life. He is a member of one of the oldest and most highly honored pioneer families of this locality, he and other members of which have played well their parts in the general development of the northern part of this county from the early pioneer days to the present.

Mr. Gipson's birth occurred here on November 22, 1876. He is the son

of George and Emma (Davey) Gipson, the father born in Lincolnshire, England, May 2, 1831, and died July 17, 1903; the mother was born in Cambridgeshire, England, on July 21, 1839, and is still living, making her home with her son, the subject. These parents grew to maturity, were educated in the common schools of England and their marriage took place in New York state on May 25, 1856. There they lived one year and a half, then came west, locating near Joliet, Illinois, then to Missouri and back to Illinois and later moving to Jasper county, Iowa, being pioneers here and they purchased eighty acres of land here, for which they paid six dollars per acre. They later added to their holdings and became well established and influential in this community. They became the parents of eleven children, all living but one, namely: Elizabeth Ann, born June 14, 1857, was thrice married, first, to Thomas Alexander Jones on December 24, 1878; his death occurred on December 16, 1879, and she married Samuel A. Shellady on October 12, 1881; his death occurred August 16, 1901, and she married J. B. Hampton in 1911; she lives at Lincoln, Nebraska. Emogene Izora Gipson was born April 26, 1859, married B. F. Johnson on May 2, 1883, and her home is at Boone, Iowa; Adeline Louise, born December 2, 1861, married Richard Thomas on August 12, 1884, and her death occurred on May 17, 1887; Mary Jennett, born April 25, 1864, married C. A. McCreary on November 12, 1884, and they live in Toledo, Iowa; Susan Amelia, born June 10, 1866, lives in Los Angeles, California; Lillian Samantha, born February 11, 1869, married Frank W. Hampton on January 20, 1897, and they live in Lincoln, Nebraska; George Henry, born January 15, 1871, lives in Independence, Iowa; Dora Musetta, born September 9, 1874, married John Scott on October 28, 1896, and they live in Monroe, Iowa; Albert Adalbert and Alfred Delford, twins, the latter the subject of this sketch, were born, as before stated, on November 22, 1876; the former married Ella Vansice on April 30, 1901; both these sons live in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa; Myrtle Edna, born January 27, 1882, married Archibald Donaldson on December 24, 1891. All these children were born in Independence township, this county, with the exception of the three oldest, who were born in Illinois.

Alfred D. Gipson, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared on the home farm and educated in the common schools. When but a boy he assisted with the general work about the home place which he helped develop and on which he still lives, successfully operating the same, cultivating two hundred and seventy-five acres in a manner that stamps him as fully abreast of the times as a general farmer and stock raiser, having kept the place well improved in every respect and rotated his crops so as to retain the original fertil-

ity of the soil, and there is today no more desirable place in Independence township.

Mr. Gipson is a public-spirited man and has always supported all worthy measures. He has been constable of Independence township for four years and has given eminent satisfaction in this office. Politically, he is a Republican. He belongs to Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Baxter, also Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and Baxter Camp No. 5642, Modern Woodmen of America, at Baxter.

Personally, Mr. Gipson is a man of fine sentiments, good-natured and whole-souled and it is safe to say that all who know him are his friend.

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#### GEORGE H. GIPSON.

In the collection of material for the biographic department of this publication there has been a constant aim to use a wise discrimination in regard to the selection of subjects and to exclude none worthy of representation in its pages, and now that the biographer has come to the name of George H. Gipson, one of the worthy citizens of Independence township, he takes pleasure in giving the reader something of his life history and that of his honored family on both sides of the house, for they have been well known in this locality since the days of the early settler.

Mr. Gipson was born in the township where he still resides, on January 15, 1871, and here he grew to manhood and has always been identified with the agricultural life of this community. He is the son of George and Emma (Davey) Gipson, both born in England, the father in Lincolnshire in 1831 and the mother in Cambridgeshire. The elder Gipson came to America in 1853 and settled near Joliet, Illinois, and later came to Jasper county, Iowa, where his death occurred on July 17, 1903; the mother is still living, making her home with her son, A. D., of Independence township. Their family consisted of eleven children, ten of whom are living, namely: Lizzie Hampton, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Emma Johnson, of Boone, Iowa; Addie Thomas died at Iowa City; Mrs. C. A. McCreary lives at Toledo, Iowa; Susan lives at Los Angeles, California; Mrs. F. W. Hampton lives in Lincoln, Nebraska; George H., of this review; Mrs. J. A. Scott, of Monroe, Iowa; Albert and Alfred, twins, both live in Independence township; Mrs. Myrtle Donaldson also lives in Independence township.

George H. Gipson, of this review, grew up on the home farm and was

educated in the local schools, and on February 23, 1911, he was united in marriage with Mattie Perry, who was born near Laurel, Marshall county, Iowa, January 21, 1877, the daughter of Harrison W. and Minerva (Barbee) Perry, the father born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 27, 1849, from which state he came with his parents to Marshall county, Iowa, in an early day and there the family became well established and have been well known there to the present day. He and Minerva Barbee were married in 1874. She was born in Jasper county, this state, on December 25, 1853, her parents being among the earliest settlers in this county, having settled near Newton, and here the father, John Barbee, died when about seventy-four years of age, and the mother, whose maiden name was Olive Newton, also died in this county when seventy years of age. Their family consisted of eleven children, six of whom are living.

Mrs. Gipson is one of a family of seven children, named as follows: Mary died when five years of age; Marshall, born in Laurel, Iowa, in May, 1878, is living at home; Edith Jones, born August 4, 1883, is living in Clear Creek township; Oscar, born in May, 1886, is living in Independence township, this county; Odessa, born May 14, 1894, is living at home.

George H. Gipson has been very successful in his life work, being a hard-working, conscientious, straightforward farmer. He is the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres of land in Independence township, on which stand a substantial dwelling and convenient outbuildings. Fraternally, he belongs to the Baxter Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America.

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#### GEORGE E. MASON.

One of the progressive young farmers of Hickory Grove township, Jasper county, is George E. Mason. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he early became familiar with the details of farm labor, and in the public schools, which he attended at intervals during his minority, he received an education which has enabled him to transact successfully the duties of an active and useful life, and, judging from the excellent start which he has made so early, the future must needs be replete with large success in his chosen field of endeavor, for he has never allowed obstacles to stand between him and the goal sought and he believes in doing well whatever is worth doing at all.

Mr. Mason was born in Keopah, Nebraska, October 21, 1885, and he is the son of Thomas S. and Laura Gertrude (Gasseburg) Mason, the father

born in Davenport, Iowa, and the mother in Richland township, Jasper county, Iowa. The father has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, and he came to Jasper county when a lad and bought a place in Hickory Grove township, one hundred and sixty acres. He soon had it under proper improvements and cultivation and here established a very comfortable home and there he remained until 1908, when he bought a farm, one hundred and sixty acres more, a mile northwest of Grinnell, Iowa. He is a member of the Methodist church. His family consists of three children, George E., of this review, who is the oldest; Muriel H., and Winnifred Margaret.

Besides the common school education mentioned above, which the subject obtained in Hickory Grove township, he later went to the high school at Newton and for one year studied at the University of Iowa at Ames. After finishing his schooling he returned home and took up farming in 1908 and has since managed the homestead for his father in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability and his industry, for he is always employed, finding little time for other things than the affairs on the farm, and that is the reason that the place has such a clean, up-to-date appearance and produces such abundant harvests from year to year.

Mr. Mason was married on May 6, 1908, to Martha McGee, who was born in Newton township, the daughter of Robert and Doreas McGee, early settlers of Jasper county and a highly respected and well known family here. One child has been born to this union, Marjorie. Mr. Mason is a member of the Congregational church.

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#### KRUEGER BROTHERS.

All callings, whether humble or exalted, may be productive of some measure of success, if enterprise and industry, coupled with a well directed purpose, form the motive force of the person directing the same, and in no case is this fact more apparent than in agricultural pursuits. It is a well authenticated fact that success comes as the result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance as well as the above enumerated qualities. When a course of action is once decided upon these attributes are essential. Success is never known to smile upon the idler or dreamer and she never courts the loafer and only those who have diligently sought her favor are crowned with her blessings. In tracing the history of the prosperous and influential agriculturists whose names form the caption of this biographical review, the Krueger brothers, we find that the above



MR. AND MRS. HENRY KRUEGER



named elements have entered very largely into their makeup and therefore we are not surprised at the large and ever-growing success which they have attained.

William Krueger was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, on November 16, 1859, and Theodore Krueger was born at the same place on October 12, 1863. They have spent practically all their lives in Jasper county, having come here with their parents forty-four years ago and have had their home here continuously to the present time, during which they have played well their parts in the development of the locality, doing much for the general good while advancing their own interests and they are thus deserving of the high esteem in which they are held by all who have known them, either in a business or social way.

They are the sons of Henry and Dora (Sanderman) Krueger, both natives of Germany, and it is no doubt true that their thrifty German ancestors have had a great deal to do with the shaping of the characters of the subjects. These parents grew up in the fatherland, and were educated there. Emigrating to the United States when young, they were married here and spent the balance of their lives, after establishing a good home, in the new world and giving their children every advantage, the father's death occurring on May 3, 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-six years and one month, and the mother lived to be six months older, dying on October 1, 1906. They were a grand old couple, honest, hospitable and neighborly, and were greatly esteemed by all who knew them.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krueger, of whom three are living in Independence township, Jasper county, namely: Charles died in this township in 1879; Henry, born December 20, 1856, lives in this vicinity, and William and Theodore, the two latter being the youngest of the family.

The subjects grew to maturity on the home farm and assisted with the general work about the place when but mere boys and the excellent training they received from their able father in agricultural and stock raising affairs has stood them well in hand in subsequent life. They obtained their education in the local common schools and have later in life supplemented the same by home reading in a general way and by actual contact with the business world, until today we find them well versed on all current topics.

By thrift and industry, good management and economy these gentlemen have accumulated valuable land aggregating eleven hundred and twenty acres of choice ground in Marshall and Jasper counties, with six sets of first class

improvements, their buildings being kept in good repair and their land well fenced, tilled, fertilized and up-to-date in every respect, so that the maximum amount of products are secured with the minimum labor. Much modern farming machinery is to be found in their fertile fields and many varieties of excellent live stock; in fact, no small part of their annual income is secured through the judicious raising, feeding and marketing of stock. They live on one of their farms east of Baxter and it is a model in every respect. They have every convenience about their farms and their home is well furnished. Neither of these brothers has ever assumed the responsibilities of the married state. Politically, they are Democrats, but have never sought to be public leaders or the emoluments of office, preferring to lead quiet lives and devote their attention exclusively to their large farming interests. Religiously, they are members of the German Reformed church in Independence township.

It is interesting to note that the Krueger family emigrated to this county in pioneer days in old-fashioned wagons, possessing little of this world's goods and without funds, and through industry and perseverance they have amassed a fortune. They are not of the niggardly sort, but liberal and genial in their relations with the world, very democratic in their ways, plain, straightforward and honorable, always inspiring confidence—the type of men that make model twentieth-century communities.

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#### WILLIAM G. KLING.

Among the substantial men whose labor and influence has given impetus to the general material improvements of Jasper county in years gone by and who today occupies no insignificant place in the esteem of the community in which he resides is the worthy gentleman whose name forms the introduction to this sketch. He has been content to spend his life right in his home locality, wisely deciding that this favored section of the great Hawkeye state was as well if not better suited for the pursuit of agriculture than any other. Then, too, he has the home atmosphere always about him and the advantages of the prestige established by his honored progenitors whose lives redounded in a general way to the production of much good to the people embraced in the scope of this biographical compendium.

Mr. Kling was born on the farm where he now resides in Elk Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on September 5, 1873, and, as already intimated, he

grew to manhood here, assisted with the general work on the home place and spent his winters in the schools of his district, when he became of proper age. He is the son of Henry, Sr., and Margerete (German) Kling, both natives of the town of Donstadt, Germany, the father born on September 16, 1816, and the mother on January 24, 1828. They grew up and were married in the fatherland and there began life on a farm. In 1853 they emigrated to the United States in an old-fashioned sailing vessel, the voyage requiring forty-two days. They located in Jasper county, Iowa, bought a farm of forty acres from the government and established a home. Prospering through hard work, Mr. Kling later purchased one hundred and twenty acres more where the subject of this sketch now resides, and he subsequently added forty-eight acres, owning two hundred and eight acres at the time of his death, on December 19, 1883. His wife died on March 26, 1874. They were both members of the Lutheran church. Their family consisted of six children, namely: Henry, Adam (lives in Monroe, Iowa), Mrs. Eliza Peery, Mary, Mrs. Margaret Schnug and William G. (of this review), he being the youngest of the family.

The subject attended school at Galesburg and when ten years of age he was driving a team on the farm for his father and has ever since been engaged in farming the home place. In connection with general farming he raises Hereford cattle. He inherited thirty-five acres of the home place and farms it now for his brother Henry, who bought out the other heirs. He feeds a large number of hogs annually. Henry Kling, Jr., who makes his home with the subject, was born March 25, 1847, in Darmstadt, Germany. As stated, Henry bought out all the heirs of the home place except William G., of this sketch. He has added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of six hundred and thirty-seven acres in Elk Creek and Fairview townships. He is supposed to be retired from active work, but it seems hard for him to keep out of the harness and he still does a great deal of work, though the subject has the principal working of his land. Henry has remained unmarried. He knew Jasper county in its pioneer days and experienced the privations of that period. He has been very successful in a business way and is well known and well liked.

William G. Kling was married on December 10, 1902, to Mamie Stregle, who was born in Iowa on November 20, 1880, the daughter of John and Mena Stregle, early settlers of Jasper county. Two children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Freeman, born September 20, 1903, and Hazel, born November 16, 1905.

## SMITH CHARLES LOGSDON.

One of our leading railroad magnates recently said that the average farmer did not pay any attention to modern methods for conserving the soil, but that he was going ahead in the same way that farmers have done for centuries—decreasing soil fertility and production. He also said that much of the matter written for the farmer's agricultural education either goes over his head or does not reach him. That gentleman certainly was not acquainted with the progressive methods of Jasper county farmers as a class. There are, of course, old-time farmers in every community who assume that because they have always followed certain methods these are therefore not to be improved on—farmers who work their land until it is "run out" and who then complain that there is no profit in farming; but these are becoming fewer and fewer, and only a cursory glance over the fine fields of Jasper county is sufficient to show that here at least the best methods are employed. There are to be found, no doubt, in every locality slovenly and wasteful farmers and incompetent tillers of the soil, just as there are wasteful and incompetent men in every line of business, but they are not in a majority. One of the well known and successful farmers of Jasper county is Smith Charles Logsdon, of Independence township, a man who believes in keeping fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to agricultural matters, and a glance over his fertile, well-kept fields will suffice to show that he is a past master in the art of modern agriculture.

Mr. Logsdon was born in Benton county, Iowa, July 27, 1876. He is the son of Benjamin Franklin and Celia Jane Logsdon, the father a native of Kentucky. They both now live in Marshalltown. Their family consisted of nine children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: H. W. lives in Crawford county, Iowa; Mrs. Mary A. Rees died in May, 1904; Franklin G. is farming in Independence township, this county; Smith Charles, of this review; Mrs. Luella J. Sissel lives in Bondurant, Iowa; Mrs. Jessie Maude Kienzle, of Garwin, this state; three children died in infancy.

Smith C. Logsdon received his education in the local schools and early in life turned his attention to farming and has made this his life work. In 1910 he purchased one hundred and fifty-nine acres in Independence township, this county, and in the fall of 1911 moved thereon, and on this improvements have been started which when completed will make this one of the choice farms of the county.

Mr. Logsdon was married on February 6, 1896, to Rose Sego, who was born in Missouri, April 19, 1880. She was the daughter of Thomas and

Hester (Smith) Sego-Trussel, the father having died in 1882; the mother, who was born on March 2, 1855, is living in Baxter. She has been twice married, the first union resulting in the birth of two daughters, Mrs. James Linder, born March 1, 1878, is living in Newton, and Rose, wife of Mr. Logsdon, of this sketch. By the marriage of Mrs. Sego with Mr. Trussel two sons and one daughter were born, namely: Earl and Ray both live in Baxter; Hazel is attending school in Baxter. These children were born and reared in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon nine children have been born, six of whom are living, namely: Vera, born April 25, 1896, lives at home; Vella and Vona, twins, were born May 23, 1898, the latter dying when three months and ten days old; Mildred, born September 25, 1899, died March 8, 1902; Frank, born December 25, 1901; Blanche, born January 8, 1903, died the following day; Irene, born March 13, 1905; Helen, born November 25, 1908; Ada Frances, born September 8, 1911. These children were born in Jasper county and the older ones have attended the rural schools.

Politically, Mr. Logsdon is an independent voter and he takes a good citizen's interest in the affairs of the community.

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#### H. A. LINDSLEY.

There is no more genial or kindly man in all Jasper county than H. A. Lindsley, who, although young in years, has had a most eventful career, and the hard knocks and buffetings he has received have not altered him from a steadfast course or made inroads in his genial nature.

Mr. Lindsley was born in Mt. Auburn, Iowa, May 22, 1877, and he is the son of F. D. and Penena (Kyle) Lindsley, his father being a native of Illinois and his mother of Pennsylvania. As a family they are railroad men, the father having been engaged in railroading all his life. He came to Iowa in 1860 as a young man and settled at Mt. Auburn, where he engaged as agent for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota railroad, now a part of the Rock Island system. He held this position ten years, when he removed to Iowa City where he acted as railroad agent for twenty-one years continuously, or until his death, which occurred October 18, 1910. He became well known in railroad circles and was regarded as one of the road's most efficient and trusted employes. His wife still survives him, making her home in Iowa City. The father was a man of exceptionally fine and sturdy character, being fearless and

outspoken, ever unswerving in the performance of his duty and a man who had a keen understanding and insight into the things in life worth while. He was a great lodge man, having been affiliated with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having attained a high rank in each, being a past master in the Masonic order. He had the admiration and respect of all who knew him. He was a veteran of the great Civil war, having enlisted in the Federal army, in April, 1861, in response to Lincoln's call for volunteers, becoming a member of the One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in April, 1861, in which he served with distinction for two years in the Army of the West, in which he had many trying experiences in campaign and battle.

J. Clarence Lindsley, brother of H. A., of this review, is engaged in the railroad business at Iowa City and is well known there.

H. A. Lindsley attended the home schools in his youth, and he turned his attention to railroading when very young, being but seventeen years of age when he began as a brakeman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, working in that capacity with success for four years, or until he was badly injured in a wreck. Upon his recovery he entered the engine department as fireman on a freight, at which he worked faithfully for three years. He then left the service of that road and began braking again, this time for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, running out of Rock Island, Illinois, continuing in this capacity until August 18, 1901, when he was promoted to the position of conductor, on account of long and efficient service. In this capacity he continued until March 4, 1903, when he was again injured at West Liberty, Iowa, this time so severely that he was totally incapacitated for duty until January 18, 1909, when he again began train service at Valley Junction, Iowa. On August 4, 1911, he was advanced to the position of conductor on the Newton and Monroe branch of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, which position he still holds, rendering his usual high grade service.

On March 17, 1906, Mr. Lindsley was united in marriage with Vina Meggison, adopted daughter of S. Patterson, of Iowa City, Iowa, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Willard Leroy, whose birth occurred on June 4, 1908.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley are members of the First Presbyterian church of Newton, and, fraternally, he is a member of Iowa City Lodge No. 4, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Iowa City Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; Rock Island Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, and the Kaaba Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Daven-

port, and both he and Mrs. Lindsley are members of Newton Chapter No. 100, Order of the Eastern Star, at Newton. He is also a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors, No. 106, of Rock Island. He stands high in all these orders, having long taken a deep interest in them, and his daily life would indicate that he is striving to live up to their noble precepts.

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#### FRANK J. DODD.

It is interesting to note from the beginning the growth and development of a community, to note the lines along which progress has been made and to take cognizance of those whose industry and leadership in the world of advancement have rendered possible the present prosperity of the locality under consideration. The Dodd family, one of the best known in the northwestern part of Jasper county, of which Frank J. Dodd, of Clear Creek township, is a worthy representative, have long contributed such support to the general welfare of the locality under consideration as they deemed their just part, and their efforts certainly have not been without reward.

Frank J. Dodd was born in the township where he still makes his home, on April 28, 1856, the son of Joseph and Amelia (Million) Dodd, the father born in Illinois, September 27, 1817, and the mother was born in Kentucky on November 6, 1821. They came to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1852 and here spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in the spring of 1897 and the mother on August 17, 1889. They were among the first settlers, but they worked hard and established a good home. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom six are living, namely: Charles, born January 14, 1841, resides near Collins, Story county; Sarah J., born January 9, 1843, is deceased; William, born March 23, 1845, and Mrs. Amelia Stock are both deceased; G. W., born September 23, 1847, is living in Washington; J. H., born February 5, 1850, is deceased; S. P., born July 28, 1852, lives in Clear Creek township; Frank J., of this review; Mark, born November 21, 1860, lives in Wisconsin; Fred, born October 31, 1862, lives in Marshall county, Iowa. All these children were born and reared in Clear Creek township.

Frank J. Dodd grew up on the home farm and attended the local schools when not engaged on the place, and he has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits in his home community, and, having managed well, he has met with a large measure of success as a general farmer and stock man, being now the

owner and operator of Clear Creek stock farm, one of the best in the township, which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation. At present he raises nothing but graded stock, which, owing to their superior quality, find a very ready market. He has a splendid, well furnished home.

Mr. Dodd was married on January 1, 1885, to Mary Alice Altman, who was born in this township, on the farm where she now resides, on August 7, 1859, the daughter of A. B. and Hester Ann (Dean) Altman, the father born in Pennsylvania, April 15, 1815, and the mother was born in Ohio, January 3, 1825. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1856 and here spent the balance of their lives, dying in Independence township, the father on April 18, 1890, and the mother on January 18, 1903. Their family consisted of three children: Frank, deceased; Mary Alice, wife of Mr. Dodd; Mrs. Etana Jane (Altman) Williams, who was born April 29, 1861, and now lives in Missouri.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd have been born two sons: Arthur, born September 15, 1887; Tharies, born February 18, 1895; they are both at home, assisting in the work on the farm. Politically, Mr. Dodd is a Democrat and he has been a member of the school board.

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#### BENJAMIN L. BUMP.

One of the most evident things to the thoughtful farmer is the fact that life at no stage is a bed of roses. There are thorns, and many of them, along the path of farming life, and the lucky ones are they who are pierced by the fewest and avoid the most. It will probably not be disputed that all persons should keep in view the important duty of removing the thorns, when practicable, from the paths of those less fortunate. After a time this important duty becomes a pleasure and all are mutually benefited. Benjamin L. Bump, one of the worthy native sons of Jasper county and one of her most progressive young farmers, believes, as he was taught by sterling parents, that "To live and let live is the best policy," consequently, while laboring to advance his individual interests, he does not lose sight of his obligations to the community at large. He is the creditable scion of a prominent pioneer family of Lynn Grove township where he still maintains his home, which has ever advocated honest emulation and fair competition, willing to march side by side with their fellow creatures, taking his chances with the rest, giving them their dues and taking their own. Thus the locality of which these volumes treat has been greatly benefited in the days of its upbuilding, in fact, from the pioneer epoch to the present, by their loyalty and public spirit.

Benjamin L. Bump was born in this township, as above intimated, on November 10, 1871, and he is the son of Josiah P. and Narcissa (Whitlock) Bump, the father born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1819, and he was eight years old when he moved with his parents from there to Chautauqua county, New York, in 1827. There the family home remained until 1835 when they moved to Lake county, Ohio, and four years later, in 1839, Josiah Bump took up his residence in Will county, Illinois. In 1840, having played the pioneer in several sections, he sought a milder climate and moved to the state of Louisiana, and after a sojourn of two years in the far Southland he returned to Ohio and settled in Meigs county, where he and Narcissa Whitlock were married on June 8, 1845. His desire to try his fate in a new country again drove him forth in 1854 and he brought his wife to Jasper county, Iowa, where they established their home and spent the rest of their lives. They found here a wild, unfenced, thinly settled prairie, but they did not have to wait many years until they saw all this transformed into as rich a farming and stock raising country as the middle West afforded. Mr. Bump entered about three hundred and twenty acres from the government, in Lynn Grove township, and this he broke, placed under a high state of improvement and cultivation in due course of time and became one of the substantial and leading citizens of the southeastern part of the county. In connection with general farming and stock raising on a large scale he turned his attention to horticulture, and put out a number of large orchards of excellent varieties, planting at one time five hundred apple trees, besides cherries and plums. He became widely known through his fine fruit trees. In 1854 he was using a branch of a cottonwood tree in driving cattle, and upon returning home inadvertently placed the broken end of the branch in a hole of an old stump, where it began to sprout, and, Mrs. Bump watering the same for a while, it grew rapidly and made a giant tree measuring in 1878 ten feet in circumference and now sixteen feet. It is near the original log house, just in the rear of the present home of the family. When he came here he began life in the humble manner of all or most all first settlers and for some time lived in a plain log house, but being a man of unusual foresight, tact, common sense and industry he prospered and in due course of time erected a commodious frame dwelling and suitable barns and outbuildings. Having accumulated a competency he spent the latter years of his life in retirement, his death occurring in February, 1909, having reached an advanced age, his wife preceding him to the grave on April 27, 1901. Politically, he was a Democrat, and while he took a lively interest in local public affairs, especially as affecting material progress, he was not a seeker after political honors. He was a man

of exemplary character and enjoyed a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. As an evidence of the wonderful advance in land values in Iowa, it is noted that while in 1878 his farm valuation was placed at five thousand dollars, it is now eighty-two thousand dollars.

Benjamin L. Bump, the immediate subject of this review, grew up on the home farm and when of proper age he made himself useful in his father's fields, and he received his education in the Wormlay schools in Newton, Iowa. Upon entering his life work he quite naturally took up farming, assuming charge of the home place which he continued to manage successfully until his father's death. He purchased of his father the fine farm on which he now lives. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres. This he has kept exceptionally well tilled and well improved, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a manner that has brought liberal rewards and he is in every respect a worthy son of a worthy sire. He has no desire to be a politician or a leader of men. Fraternally, he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also to the Homesteaders.

Mr. Bump was married in 1899 to Emma Roberts, a native of Christian county, Illinois, and the daughter of William F. and Emma Roberts, an excellent old family, who came to Iowa when the daughter Emma was five years of age. Here they maintained their home for a period of thirty years, becoming well established, but Mr. Roberts finally moved to New Mexico, where his death occurred in the spring of 1911. He was twice married, his first wife, mother of Mrs. Bump, dying when the latter was a child. The wife of the subject grew to womanhood and was educated in the New Sharon schools, Iowa. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bump, named as follows: Alwilda, Cecil, Anslem, Irene, Dorothy and Alice.

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#### WARREN DODD.

Such a man as Warren Dodd, who has long been a resident of Jasper county, but who now proposes to spend the latter part of his life in Story county, usually succeeds in whatever locality he selects for the arena of his operations, for he believes in conservatively going about the affairs of life and doing well whatever is worth doing at all. This is the keynote of much of the material success of this world.

Mr. Dodd was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, November 21, 1885, and he has always been known as a young man of in-

dustry, which accounts for his success so early in life. He grew to manhood in the immediate vicinity of the old Dodd homestead and has always identified himself with the agricultural interests of this section.

Fred Dodd, the father of the subject, was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on October 31, 1862, and here he grew up and engaged in general farming. He married Julia Mowrey, who was born in Pennsylvania on July 2, 1867. They are residing on a farm in Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa. Their complete sketch is to be found on another page in this work.

Warren Dodd spent his youth on the home place and attended the neighboring schools, receiving a fairly good common school education. On September 22, 1909, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth McKenzie, who was born in far-away Scotland on September 22, 1888. Her parents, James and Catherine (Davidson) McKenzie, were both natives of Scotland and there they grew up, were educated and married, emigrating from there to the United States in 1890 and locating in Jasper county, Iowa. The father's death occurred in Independence township, January 11, 1910, after a successful life as a farmer. His widow and her two sons still reside on the home place. There were six children in the McKenzie family, named as follows: Duncan, born October 17, 1886, is living in Jasper county; James, born December 3, 1887; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Dodd of this sketch; Anna, born June 10, 1890, lives at home; William, born February 19, 1893, died January 10, 1910; Thomas, born April 10, 1895, lives in Independence township, this county; Ivagene, born at Baxter, April 28, 1910. James McKenzie, Jr., graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College in 1910 and is now practicing in Baxter, where he now resides.

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#### CHARLES E. McINTIRE.

Among the farmers of Sherman township, Jasper county, who enjoy distinctive prestige as a neighbor and citizen is Charles E. McIntire, who has lived here for a period of thirty-two years, during which he has advanced to a position in material and civic affairs which entitle him to be called one of the progressive men of the county, for in every relation of life his voice and influence have ever been on the side of right as he has seen and understood the right.

Mr. McIntire was born in Neponset, Illinois, January 5, 1862, the son of

Erastus and Hester A. (Russell) McIntire. His paternal grandparents, Ezra and Clarina McIntire, were natives of Maine, in which state they spent their lives on a farm; the maternal grandparents, David and Prudence (Webb) Russell, were also natives of Maine, where they grew up and were married and there they lived until the father's death, she subsequently remarrying and moving west, finally dying in Neponset, Illinois.

The parents of the subject were born and reared in Maine. In 1851 Erastus McIntire, the father, went to California, making the long transcontinental trip as a result of the gold excitement, returning to Maine in 1853. Soon afterwards he moved to Illinois, locating in Neponset and there was married. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and became the owner of several farms and dealt in land considerably. In March, 1879, he and his son, Charles E., of this review, moved to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought three hundred and fifty acres in Sherman and Independence townships, and two years later the rest of the family moved here. This land they improved, erected buildings, except the dwelling house, which they remodeled. The parents lived retired in Des Moines until his death, January 19, 1912. He was taken to Neponset, Illinois, his former home, for burial. Politically he was a Republican, and they were both members of the Baptist church. Their family consisted of three children: Charles E., married Elizabeth Lowry; Maud married Ernest Weishaar and they live in Rhodes, Marshall county; Mabel married William N. Jordan and they live in Des Moines.

Charles E. McIntire was educated in the schools of Neponset, Illinois. He was reared on the home farm, and upon coming to Iowa he took up farming with his father. In about 1901 he bought one hundred and eighty-eight acres of the old homestead, and here he has been successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a feeder of shorthorn cattle for the market, and has kept the place well improved in every respect.

Politically, Mr. McIntire is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Brotherhood of the American Yeomen lodge. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. McIntire was married in 1892 to Elizabeth Lowry, a native of Jasper county and the daughter of James and Susannah Lowry, who spent their early lives in Indiana, moving from there to Minnesota, thence to Iowa, being among the early settlers in Poweshiek township, Jasper county. Mr. Lowry was a carpenter by trade, which he followed most of his life, but upon coming to Iowa he divided his attention between carpentering and farming, having bought a farm here. His death occurred on April 7, 1878. His widow is still

living in Poweshiek township, being now advanced in years. Their family consisted of twelve children, ten of whom are living at this writing.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntire, namely: Ruth, a student in the West high school at Des Moines; Violet, Florence and Maud.

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#### FREMONT LINCOLN TIFFANY.

Upon the roll of representative citizens and energetic agriculturists of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, appears the name of Fremont Lincoln Tiffany, who has been a resident of this community since his advent into "the struggle which men call life," having never cared to risk the caprices of fate and fortune in other countries, well knowing that right here at home existed as good if not better opportunities than could be met with elsewhere. He has, practically unaided, worked his own way to a position of precedence in local affairs, while his conduct has ever been such as to inspire the confidence of those who have been thrown into contact with him.

Mr. Tiffany was born in the township where he still resides on August 18, 1860, and here he grew up on the home farm and was educated in the local schools. He is the son of Sylvester and Esther (Campbell) Tiffany, the father born in Erie county, New York, March 11, 1825, and he came to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1842, and for a number of years worked in the lead mines of that place. In 1849 he came to Jasper county, but continued this journey, went to California, a member of that famous band of gold hunters, being one of thousands. He returned to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1853, and here continued to make this his home until his death, which occurred in Clear Creek township, August 30, 1910, having reached an advanced age. He had outlived his wife over twenty years. She was born on November 21, 1831, came to Jasper county in 1855, and her death occurred at Colfax, this county, on April 3, 1889. Their family consisted of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Mrs. Martha R. Tripp, born May 27, 1858, lives at Colfax; Fremont L., of this review; Franz Sigel, born July 4, 1864, lives in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Mary Eliza Leonard lives in Boulder, Colorado. These children were all born at the homestead now occupied by the subject, who owns one hundred and twenty acres of the home farm and two hundred and thirteen acres near the hamlet of Clyde, known as the R. R. Hampton place. He has kept them both under a high state of improvement and cultivation and for a long time successfully carried on general farming and stock raising on a large scale. He has a pleasant home in the midst of attractive surroundings.

On February 18, 1880, Mr. Tiffany was united in marriage with Mary Ellen Stock, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, December 13, 1863, and here she was reared and educated, her mother and grandmother being among the earliest settlers of this vicinity, having come here in 1851. Her father, Joseph Stock, was born in Ohio, August 30, 1842, and his death occurred in Colfax, August 7, 1908. His wife was known in her maidenhood as Rachel DeVitt, and was born in Bradford county, Indiana, February 9, 1847, and she is still living at Colfax. There were three children in this family, of which Mrs. Tiffany is the eldest; Joseph Riley Stock died in this township, October 23, 1888; Mrs. Leecy Ann Smith lives at Carpenter, Wyoming.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany, named as follows: Clara V., born March 23, 1882, was graduated from the high school at Colfax in the class of 1900, and she was graduated from Drake University in 1904; she is still with her parents on the farm; Carl Tiffany was born May 9, 1884 and lives on his farm in Clear Creek township; Emma Alta, born May 21, 1886, who attended the Colfax high school, was taking a training course when she died at the Methodist hospital at Des Moines, while acting as nurse; Ray was born July 31, 1888, and is living in Collins township; Joseph Sylvester, born January 25, 1897, is at home, assisting his father with the farm work. Miss Clara Tiffany is in possession of the plat of Palmyra, an embryo city to be located on the E. H. Keyes farm, south of Clyde. This instrument is signed by Elias H. Keyes, William Suthern and Emeritta Southern, and Joseph Dodd, Jr., justice of the peace. It was signed September 8, 1855. They also possess an "Arnold's Vocabulary," published in 1784.

Politically, Mr. Tiffany is a Republican, and he has been a member of the school board in his district. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mingo.

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#### GEORGE CASTNER.

The subject of this sketch holds prestige among the enterprising and respected agriculturists of Jasper county and those who have had occasion to look over his well tilled and modernly improved farm in Richmond township are of the opinion that he is entitled to rank among our leading twentieth-century tillers of the soil. He is a man who has been trained to do well whatever is worth doing at all and consequently his efforts have been justly crowned with success.

Mr. Castner was born in Bureau county, Illinois, December 31, 1857, the son of S. M. and Mary (Hildebrandt) Castner. His maternal grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth Hildebrandt, were natives of New Jersey, but their parents were born in Germany, from which country they emigrated to America in the early days, locating in New Jersey. Joseph Hildebrandt died in that state, but his wife came west and spent many years in Jasper county, Iowa, then went to Illinois where she spent the last three years of her life at the home of her youngest son, Manuel Hildebrandt, dying near Princeton, at the ripe old age of ninety-nine years. The paternal grandparents of the subject came to Illinois from the East and died in Stark county, that state. But little is known of their early life.

S. M. Castner, father of the subject, was born, reared and educated in New Jersey and there he was married. He planned to devote his life to the legal profession, and studied law in his native state, but never practiced. About 1847 or 1848 he and his wife came to Illinois and located in Bureau county when the country was mostly a wilderness and Chicago was but a village. They developed a farm from the wild, on which they lived until 1866, in which year they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, and located in Rock Creek township, remaining there until 1877 when they moved to Mahaska county and there Mr. Castner still lives, having reached the advanced age of ninety-three years. His first wife died on November 20, 1874, and he subsequently married Mrs. Elizabeth Carlyle, who is still living. There were twelve children by the first union, seven of whom are supposed to be living at this writing.

George Castner attended school in Rock Creek township, this county, and in Grinnell township, Poweshiek county, also went to high school at Stewart, Guthrie county. He returned to Jasper county and has made farming his life work, with the exception of seven years spent in Grinnell engaged in the manufacture of brick; however, most of this period has been lived in Poweshiek county. In March, 1911, he bought an interest in a farm of two hundred acres in Richland township and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, being a breeder of Poland-China hogs and graded cattle.

Politically, Mr. Castner was a Republican up to ten years ago, since which time he has been an advocate of socialism; but, conditions having changed since then, he has now returned to the standard of the "grand old party." He has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1882, having joined the same in Wataga, Illinois. In 1883 he joined Tecumseh Lodge at Kellogg, Iowa, later associating with the Grinnell lodge, with which he is still affiliated. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, which he joined in 1900. Mrs. Castner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On August 23, 1883, Mr. Castner was united in marriage with Kate Marshall, a native of Illinois, and the daughter of John and Martha Marshall, who came to that state from Pennsylvania.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Castner, namely: Lucien Henry, who married Lois Turnman, lives at New Sharon; Lulu May was next in order of birth; the third child died in infancy; George A. is at home; the younger ones are, Elma, Leora, Edith Mercedes, Evan Marshall and Ruth Evelyn.

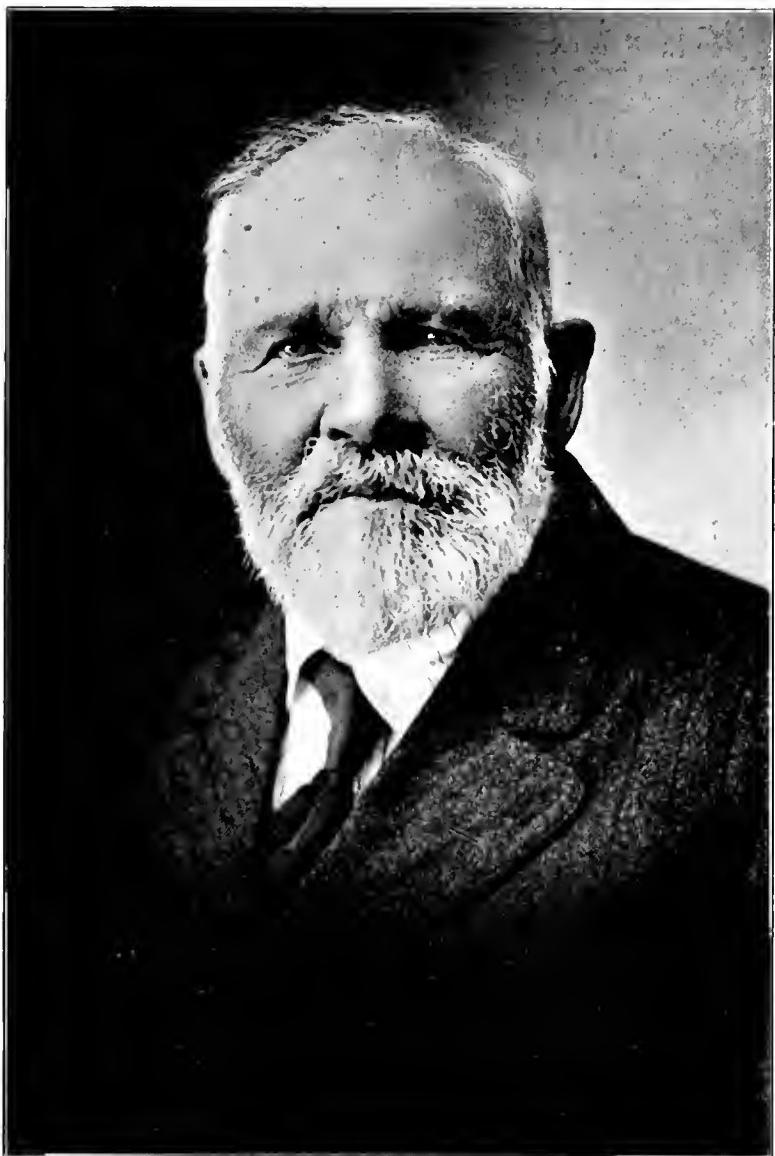
In 1877 Mr. Castner returned to Knox county, Illinois, and worked by the month for two years and then came back to Jasper county and bought eighty acres, which he later rented and returned to Knox county and worked for two years, being in the employ of two well known men there, the Niles brothers. Then in 1883 he came back to Iowa and has been here ever since. It was during his second trip to Illinois that he met his wife.

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#### WILLIAM F. RIPPEY.

The best history of a community or state is the one that deals most with the lives and activities of its people, especially those who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy, have forged to the front and placed themselves where they well deserve the title of progressive men. In the following paragraph will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active plodders on the highway of life and achieved a career surpassed by few of his contemporaries, a career of marked success in agricultural affairs and a name which all who know him delight to honor owing to his upright life and habits of thrift and industry.

William F. Rippey, one of Jasper county's leading pioneer citizens, living on his beautiful farmstead near the village of Ira, was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, April 9, 1838, and there he grew up and received what education he could in the schools of the early days. He is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Jeffries) Rippey. The father, born in Henry county, Indiana, died in Kosciusko county, that state, at the early age of thirty-four years. The mother, who was born in Rush county, that state, came to Iowa late in life and her death occurred in Independence township, Jasper county, at the age of seventy-six years. Their family consisted of five sons, four of whom fought for the preservation of the Union during the Civil war, William F., of this review, being the eldest; Matthew J. was killed at the battle of Champion's Hill; James Allen received wounds at the battle of Jonesboro from



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which he died a few days later; John was captured during the service, but was paroled; after the war he came to Iowa and became owner of the land where the town of Baxter now stands, and finally died while in Indiana on a visit; Milton D. died when twenty-two years of age. The four step-brothers, Wilson, Charles, Winfield and Allen, were all Union soldiers, and they are now all deceased but the youngest, who lives at Manchester, Indiana, and Winfield, who lives in Kosciusko county, Indiana.

When a young man William F. Rippey came to Iowa, reaching Jasper county in March, 1854, and he located on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he entered from the government, and established his permanent home near the town of Marietta, when this country was all a wild prairie, his nearest neighbor being four miles distant, but, being a man of excellent foresight, he knew that this was to be a rich and populous country as the years advanced. He traded his first farm for one hundred and sixty acres where the village of Ira now stands. He was at this time only seventeen years old. Not many youngsters would have displayed so much courage and business sagacity. In order to get a start he went to Greene county, this state, where he worked two years. In 1857 he began breaking prairie, and he hauled the timber that went into the construction of the first court house in Greene county. He then returned to Indiana and attended school, but his funds becoming exhausted he went back to Iowa, where he has since made his home continuously. Working hard and economizing and managing well, he prospered and added to his original purchase as the years advanced until he at one time owned one thousand acres of valuable land. Not caring to be burdened in his declining years with the care of so much land, he now retains six hundred and fifty acres, all well improved and well cultivated, in fact, his home place is one of the model farms of this part of the county. The rest of his land he gave to his children, to each eighty acres. He has a modern, substantial and beautiful home, among its equipment being one of the best private libraries in the county. He has kept well abreast of the times in all matters relating to the world's affairs.

William F. Rippey was one of the patriotic sons of the North who gave his services to the Union in the great conflict between the states, having enlisted at Newton, Iowa, in Company I, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with much credit for a period of three years under Generals Sullivan, Logan and Sherman. His regiment was among the troops that captured five thousand prisoners at Tiptonville, and he was in the siege of Vicksburg and the following battles: Shiloh, Corinth, Champion's Hill, Big Black River, Jackson, Iuka, Raymond, Missionary Ridge, Decatur, New

Madrid, Charleston, Bloomfield, Holly Springs. Upon his retirement from the service he received an honorable discharge.

Mr. Rippey was united in marriage on July 6, 1859, to Ann Armsworth, who was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, April 11, 1838, there being but one intervening day between her birth and that of Mr. Rippey. She was the daughter of Willis and Ann (Clifton) Armsworth, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father died in Indiana and the mother came to Jasper county, Iowa, and lived in Independence township until her death. They were the parents of two sons and four daughters, all now deceased except the youngest daughter, Mary Crawford, Mrs. Rippey having passed away on June 23, 1908.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rippey, namely: Mrs. Fannie E. Lowe, born February 18, 1861, died May 2, 1886, at Salubra, Idaho; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parker, born June 30, 1865, lives in Sherman township, this county; Mrs. Edna Hansen, of Clear Creek township, born March 7, 1867; Mrs. Martha Byall, born December 3, 1868, lives in Clear Creek township, this county; Francis J., born March 18, 1870, lives near Ira, this county; Frederick Grant, born September 10, 1872, died February 9, 1873; Mary, born December 18, 1873, died in September, 1874; Jessie M., born February 12, 1874, died February 23, 1907. They were all born in this township, and those reaching maturity grew up here.

Mr. Rippey was again married in November, 1910, to Eva Blackwood, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, May 25, 1867. Her father, Birch Blackwood, resides at Newton, her mother having died near that city.

Politically, Mr. Rippey is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church and of Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter. He has held all the local township offices, having been township trustee for sixteen years. He has always taken a deep interest in any public enterprise and his duties as a public servant reflected much credit upon himself and elicited the hearty approval of all concerned. He is a man of straightforward, generous and wholesome impulses, whom to know is to respect and admire.

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#### THOMAS A. STREETER.

This honored pioneer is to be designated as one of the progressive and influential citizens of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, where, for more than a half century, he has maintained his home, figuring as one of the builders of the community and is especially worthy of consideration in this work.

In many ways he has lent his time and influence in the promulgation of various uplifting movements, and he ably served his country during the Civil war.

Mr. Streeter was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1840. He came with his parents to Ohio when four years old, coming on with the family in 1858 to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, and with the exception of three years spent in Missouri he has continued to reside here. He is the son of Henry and Lydia (Faulkner) Streeter, both born in the state of New York, the mother in Delaware county, on October 28, 1811, and the father was born on November 15, 1808. They grew up in the Empire state and there were married and spent the early part of their lives, coming to Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day and developed a farm, dying in Clear Creek township, the mother on November 29, 1877, and the father on June 21, 1892. Their family consisted of the following children: Mrs. Mary Ann Beard-Stratton, born in New York, April 24, 1835, died May 2, 1912; Mrs. Eurelia Jane Ashton, born January 12, 1837, died in March, 1912; Mrs. Eliza Emeline Harsh-Cox, born May 19, 1839, is living in Colfax; Thomas A., of this sketch; Edward Murray, born November 2, 1842, died June 8, 1910; Chloe Adelia, born January 17, 1845, died in infancy; George Henry, born September 27, 1847, died in Des Moines in 1902; James Monroe, born November 11, 1850, is living near Denver, Colorado; William Anson, born March 30, 1853, lives near Omaha, Nebraska; Mrs. Lydia Rosella Suyder, born August 30, 1856, is living in Colfax. These children were reared in Jasper county, Iowa.

Thomas A. Streeter grew up on his father's farm and worked hard on the same when a boy, experiencing the usual hardships of the average boy in a new country. On February 7, 1861, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Stock, who was born in Summit county, Ohio, September 22, 1841. From there she came with her parents, James and Sarah (McCloughan) Stock, overland to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1856, this being one of the pioneer families here. Her father was born in England, August 1, 1815, and her mother was born in Pennsylvania, August 29, 1818; they spent the latter half of their lives in Clear Creek township, this county, the death of Mr. Stock occurring in August, 1902, his wife having passed away on February 8, 1890.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Stock eleven children were born, namely: Mrs. Catherine Priest, born March 1, 1840, died August 19, 1911; Mrs. Elizabeth Streeter, of this sketch; Richard, born November 30, 1842, is deceased; Mrs. Sarah Ann Streeter, born July 7, 1844, is living in Clear Creek township, this county; James, born in 1845, lives in Jasper county; George Washington is also living here; Mrs. Mary Evans lives in Colfax; Zachary T. lives in

California; Mr. Cass Stock died in 1883; Mrs. Ann D. Day, of Marysville, Missouri.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Streeter have been born seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Sarah E. died in 1866, when four years old; Thomas A., Jr., born September 16, 1860, died at the age of one year; Mrs. Lydia Mills, born July 18, 1868, lives in Clear Creek township; Eliza Jane died when ten years of age, October 28, 1881; Mrs. Ann Emeline Leonard, born April 11, 1875, lives in Warren county, Iowa; Mrs. Edna May Funk lives in Nevada, Iowa; James Henry, born March 29, 1878, died when four years of age, on December 15, 1881. These children were born in Clear Creek township, this county, with the exception of Eliza, who was born in Collins township, Story county.

Mr. Streeter enlisted for service for the Union at Clyde, this county, and was mustered in at Camp Pope, Iowa City, August 22, 1862, and he started to the front as corporal of Company E, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with much credit until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, in the capture of Little Rock, and was in the engagements at Okalona, Elkin's Ford, Prairie D'Anne, Moscow, Camden, Marks Mills and Jenkins Ferry.

Mr. Streeter has devoted his life to farming and he is the owner of forty acres in Clear Creek township where he has a pleasant home and on which he has made a good living.

Politically, he is a Democrat; he has been road supervisor and school director. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the E. H. Keyes Post at Mingo.

Mr. Streeter tells many interesting things of the early days here. Something of the hard life of those who braved the wilds of Jasper county may be gained from the following incident, one of many in his experience. When a young man he started to mill with eighteen bushels of buckwheat, which he first hauled to Newton and back, thirty-two miles; then to Des Moines and back, fifty miles; then hauled it to Peoria, Polk county, and from there to Pella, and, returning, left it at Pella to be ground, later returning for the ground product, making in his last trip one hundred and eighty miles or a total distance of two hundred and sixty-two miles. Few of the rising generation would have the courage and stick-to-itiveness to succeed in a country where such trials were common.

## DANIEL HALEY.

There could be no more comprehensive history written of a city or county, or even of a state and its people, than that which deals with the life work of those who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy, have placed themselves where they well deserve the title of "progressive," and in this sketch will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active and less able plodders on the highway of life, one who has not been subdued by the many obstacles and failures that come to everyone, but who has made them stepping-stones to higher things and at the same time that he was winning his way in the material affairs of life gained a reputation for uprightness and honor.

Mr. Haley was born at Benson, Vermont, August 15, 1848, the son of Patrick and Bridget (Foley) Haley, both born in Ireland, where they grew up and from which country they emigrated to the United States in early life, established a good home in Vermont and both died there. Their family consisted of ten children, an equal number of sons and daughters, the sons all soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war; these children were named as follows: Mrs. Margaret Logan, deceased; Mrs. Catherine Gilligan, deceased; Thomas was shot and killed in the army by a sharpshooter while in the act of writing a letter to his wife; Mrs. Hannah Elliott, deceased; Mrs. Bridget Landers, deceased; Edward was shot in the battle of the Wilderness, was captured and died in Libby prison; Mrs. Mary Elliott lives in Moline, Illinois; James died at the soldiers' home at Tilton, New Hampshire; John's residence is unknown; Daniel, of this sketch, is the youngest.

The record of the subject as a soldier is one of which his family may well be proud. He enlisted in Company 1, Seventeenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, March 31, 1864, and he served with much credit until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge, having been only fifteen years and eight months old at the time of his enlistment, but he went through it all with the courage of a veteran. He was at the capture of the Weldon railroad, and the battles of Poplar Grove, Hatcher's Run, siege of Petersburg and Richmond and was present at the surrender of Appomattox, April 9, 1865. After being honorably discharged he returned home and took up farming for a livelihood, and later came to Jasper county, Iowa, where he has become one of our leading farmers, now owning three hundred and forty acres of well improved and productive land in Clear Creek township, on which stand two good sets of buildings, and he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser.

On October 23, 1870, Mr. Haley was united in marriage with Lovina E. Richmond, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, April 29, 1850. She is the oldest living settler, native born, in this county. She is the daughter of James and Lovisa (Logston) Richmond, the father born in Tennessee, December 6, 1814, and his death occurred in 1908; the mother was born in Kentucky, March 18, 1823. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1848, being among the earliest pioneers here. After enduring the usual hardships incident to the life of a first settler, they became well established. Their family consisted of six sons and seven daughters, namely: William Jasper is deceased; Francis Marion lives in Carthage, Missouri; Mrs. Cordia J. Holtz is deceased; Mrs. Martha J. Loving is living at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana; Louisa E., wife of Mr. Haley of this sketch; Mrs. Melissa C. Brown lives in Newton, Iowa; George W. lives in Kentucky; Andrew J. lives near Eugene, Oregon; Oliver P. is deceased; Mrs. Lutica A. Shattuck lives in Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Ava R. Holtz lives in Newton, Iowa; James M. lives in Chadron, Nebraska.

One son, Wilbert Ray, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haley, his birth having occurred on August 8, 1886, and he is living in Clear Creek township. An adopted son, Frank Edward Haley, was born September 13, 1876, is residing in Banner county, Nebraska. There are four grandchildren.

Politically, Mr. Haley is a Republican. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is known to be a liberal, broad-minded gentleman, well liked by the entire community in which he has long made his home.

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#### FRANK E. MATTESON.

The people who constitute the bone and sinew of this country are not those who are unstable and unsettled, who fly from this occupation to that, who do not know where they stand on political questions until they are told how to vote, and who take no active and intelligent interest in affairs affecting their schools, church and public property and general civic affairs. The backbone of this country is made up of families who have made their homes; who are alive to the best interests of the community in which they reside; who are so honest that it is no trouble for their neighbors to know it; who attend to their own business and are too busy to meddle with that of others; who work steadily on from day to day, taking the sunshine with the storm,

and who rear an industrious family to an honest name and a comfortable home. Such people are always welcome in any country and in any community. They are wealth producers, and Jasper county is blessed with many such. Among them is the family represented by Frank E. Matteson, of Rock Creek township, the name having figured more or less conspicuously in the affairs of this vicinity since the early pioneer days.

Mr. Matteson was born in Rock Creek township, this county, November 25, 1865, and he has been content to spend his life in his native community. He is the son of Harry and May Fannie (Altig) Matteson, the father born in the state of New York in 1819 and the mother in Kentucky in 1826. The elder Matteson grew up in his native state and in 1840 came overland to Iowa and located in Rock Creek township, Jasper county. The country was wild and sparsely settled, in fact, there was not a house within twenty miles of where he settled. But he had the sagacity to foresee a great future here and he set to work with a will, beginning life in typical pioneer fashion and took up one hundred and sixty acres from the government, on which he built a cabin, began work and soon had his land under cultivation. Although he was compelled to undergo the usual hardships incident to a life in a new country, he was not a man to be discouraged and he became well established in due course of time. He added to this until he owned one of the choice farms of the township, which consisted of two hundred and twenty acres. He was a hard-working, honest, hardy frontiersman, whom everybody respected, for he was strictly honest and hospitable. He always supported the Republican party, but never sought public office. His family consisted of ten children, named in order of birth as follows: Henry, James, Harvey, Mary M., William N., Ida N., George M., Charles L., Frank E. and Allen L.

Harry Matteson, father of these children, lived on the place he settled here continuously until his death, in 1902, at an advanced age.

The son, Frank E., had little opportunity to obtain an education owing to the fact that he was compelled to work hard on the home place, assisting in the support of the large family of which he was a member, but he improved such chances as he had, and remained on his father's farm until his marriage, then he rented land for one year in order to get a start. The following year he bought a splendid place of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he has resided continuously to the present time, having worked hard and kept his farm well improved and well tilled and he has put on practically all the buildings himself and he has a very pleasant home.

Politically, Mr. Matteson is a Republican and he has held several of the township offices, always satisfactorily.

On October 9, 1891, Mr. Matteson was united in marriage with Alta A. Aakins, a native of Rock Creek township, this county, her people well known and highly respected. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, Velva H. and Mina M.

Personally, Mr. Matteson is a jovial, neighborly gentleman who enjoys a wide acquaintance and friendship.

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#### JOHN M. VANSICE.

One of the leading live stock dealers and farm owners in Jasper county is John M. Vansice, of Independence township. His valuable property has been acquired through his own efforts—his persistency of purpose and his determination—and the prosperity which is the legitimate reward of all earnest effort is today his, while at the same time he has been careful of his personal habits and has won and retained the undivided respect of all with whom he has come into contact. He is one of the best known stock men in the county.

Mr. Vansice was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1855. He is the son of Joseph and Clarinda (Brewer) Vansice, the father born in the state of New York and the mother in New York. She is now living in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, the father having died in Jasper county, Iowa, whither he had come with his parents in the year 1868 and here spent the rest of his life, becoming very well established on the farm. They were the parents of three children, namely: Josephine, who died when thirteen years of age; Mrs. Alice Rose; John M., of this sketch, who is the youngest.

John M. Vansice was thirteen years old when he left his boyhood home in the Keystone state and emigrated with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1868 and here he grew to manhood, received his education in the public schools and has continued to reside to the present time. He engaged in farming until August 26, 1891, when he moved to a very comfortable and commodious home in Baxter where he has since resided, having been engaged in buying and selling all kinds of live stock except horses, being regarded as one of the best judges of live stock in this locality. He is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of as fine land as Independence can boast, also one hundred and seventeen acres in another farm in this township. His land has been placed under modern improvements and is very productive. He owns another dwelling house in Baxter besides his home residence. By



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his individual efforts, good management and honest dealings he has acquired a competency.

Mr. Vansice was married on September 3, 1875, to Malinda Richmond, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, January 11, 1860. She is the daughter of Sims and Susannah (Maggard) Richmond, the father born in Tennessee, June 28, 1820, and the mother in Indiana, March 28, 1819. The father's death occurred in Kansas and the mother died in Jasper county, Iowa.

There were six children in the Richmond family, namely: Mrs. Sarah Walker, born September 23, 1849, is deceased; Andrew Jackson, born September 2, 1851, lives in Iowa; Mrs. Martha Ann Deeter, born November 1, 1852, lives in Baxter, Iowa; Mrs. Mary White, born May 16, 1855, lives in St. Clair county, Missouri; Mrs. Elinor Millard, born December 4, 1857, lives in Newton; Malinda, wife of Mr. Vansice of this review, is the youngest.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vansice five children have been born, three of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Ella Gibson, born June 18, 1877, lives on the home farm in Independence township; Fred, born July 28, 1883, lives and farms in Oklahoma; he married Erla Orr and they have two children, Georgia Catherine, born March 3, 1904, and Ida May, born November 11, 1909; William, born May 3, 1893, lives with his parents in Baxter; two children died in infancy. They were all born in Jasper county.

Politically, Mr. Vansice is an independent voter, preferring to cast his ballot for the man best qualified, in his estimation, for the office sought rather than for the party. In his fraternal relations he belongs to Unity Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Baxter. They are both popular with a wide circle of friends.

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#### JOHN J. DEJONG.

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Notwithstanding the fact that the kingdom of Holland is one of the smallest countries of the world, it has sent a large number of settlers to the United States during the years that have elapsed since independence was secured by the brave colonists. The people of that country were not slow to appreciate the great advantages offered in a free country where "liberty" was the shibboleth, and they were to be found aboard nearly every sailing vessel that "sailed" its way across the great Atlantic during the first century of our republic, and even for many decades prior thereto. Being quick to recognize the possibilities that opened out in splendid perspective before all emigrants who should settle early in this country, they established themselves in various

sections of the Union, and, being thrifty, willing to work and strictly honest in all life's relations, they have prospered and proven to be among our best emigrant citizens.

Among the worthy Hollander families, members of which have shown themselves to possess the characteristics enumerated above, is the DeJong family, a creditable representative of which is John J. DeJong, farmer of Lynn Grove township, Jasper county. He was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, July 27, 1876, the son of Floris D. and Anna Maria (Tommisna) DeJong, both natives of Holland. John and Dena (Fleming) Tommisna, the maternal grandparents, were also natives of Holland, and there grew up and were married, emigrating to America in 1846, and, with fourteen other families, located at Pella, Iowa, that vicinity then being wild and unsettled. The grandfather started in as a merchant and made a success, buying such things as the colony needed and selling to them for a reasonable profit. He also bought their products when they had time to get their farms producing, buying up their hogs, butchering the same, and marketing them at Keokuk. Later he started a mill here and ran that for many years. He made a success of whatever he turned his attention to, being a business man of large capacity and keen foresight. He became well and widely known in this part of Iowa and figured prominently in the development of the same in the pioneer period, always assisting in any way possible in furthering the interests of the community. He was finally killed in a runaway accident in the timber and died at Pella.

The paternal grandparents of the subject, Aderin and Mary DeJong, were also born and reared in Holland, from which country they emigrated to the United States about a half century ago, settled in Mahaska county, Iowa, among the pioneers and there established a good home in which they spent the rest of their lives.

Floris D. DeJong and wife, parents of the immediate subject of this sketch, grew up in Holland and emigrated to our shores when single, and they located in Mahaska county, Iowa, where they were married, soon afterward taking up farming for a livelihood, buying eighty acres in that county. This they sold in 1886 and moved to Jasper county, buying an excellent farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Elk Creek township, which they improved and placed under modern cultivation, prospering from year to year and here they spent the rest of their lives, becoming very comfortably fixed and were highly respected by all who knew them. They began life with nothing, and by close application, careful detail as to small things and honest dealings, they accumulated a competency. They were quiet, unobtrusive

people and worthy members of the Dutch Reformed church at Sully, this township. They reared a large family in comfort and respectability and gave them educational advantages. There were fourteen in all, of whom John J., of this review, was the fourth in order of birth; they are all living at this writing, as is also the mother, the father having passed away on December 2, 1907.

John J. DeJong grew to maturity on the home farm and there assisted with the general duties incident to such a life. He attended the public schools. He was eight years of age when he began working in his father's fields and, having thus been trained to agricultural pursuits, he has followed the same all his mature life and has met with well merited success. In 1896 he bought one hundred and twenty acres in Lynn Grove township. In 1907 he purchased forty acres more and he still owns this choice farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he has placed many valuable improvements from year to year. He has a good home and convenient surroundings. In connection with general farming, he has long been a dealer in live stock and a breeder of Poland-China hogs and graded cattle.

Politically, Mr. DeJong is a Democrat, but is in no sense a politician.

On January 23, 1896, Mr. DeJong was united in marriage with Lizzie Krusemann, who was born in Holland, the daughter of Everaad and Johanna (Geurts) Krusemann, who were born, reared and married in Holland, and they emigrated to the United States when their daughter, Lizzie, wife of Mr. DeJong, was seven years of age. They settled in Iowa and here she grew to womanhood and was educated. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. DeJong, named as follows: Floris, Everaad, Maria and Johanna.

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#### DENNIS DODD.

Among the well known and highly respected stock men and general farmers of Jasper county who have attained to a definite degree of success in their line of endeavor and who, at the same time, greatly benefited the community in which they live is the gentleman to a review of whose career we now direct the reader's attention. An analysis of the life work of Mr. Dodd shows that he has not permitted obstacles to stand in the way of his ambition, but has, practically unaided, forged his way to the front, refusing to be thwarted by any obstacles.

Dennis Dodd was born in Clear Creek township, this county, September

9, 1873, the son of Charles E. Dodd and wife, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. When eleven years old the subject accompanied his family to Collins township, Story county, Iowa. The son grew to manhood on the farm and received his education in the public schools of his district. On February 25, 1884, he was united in marriage with Belle Wiley, who was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, February 12, 1873, the daughter of James and Julia (Deeter) Wiley, the father born March 13, 1845, and is now living in South Dakota; the mother was born in Ohio and her death occurred in April, 1880, when thirty-five years of age. There were four children in the Wiley family, namely: Mrs. Mary Signs, born September 6, 1868, lives at Collins; Mrs. Clara Signs, born February 12, 1872, lives in Clear Creek township; Belle, wife of Mr. Dodd of this sketch; Mrs. Gertie Ferguson, born August 11, 1876, is living at Lowry City, Missouri. These children were all born in Clear Creek township, this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd five children have been born, named as follows: Rhoda, born December 13, 1894; Alda, born January 22, 1896; Henry, born December 22, 1898; Jessie, born June 12, 1903; Irene, born December 19, 1900. They were all born in Story county.

Mr. Dodd has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and has met with a large measure of success. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved and valuable land in Collins township, Story county, and he also has eighty acres in Clear Creek township, Jasper county. He has a large, well furnished home and good outbuildings. He has by energy and perseverance secured a competency. In connection with general farming he has long engaged in buying horses in car-load lots for Eastern markets. No better judge of a horse can be found and no small part of his annual income is derived from handling horses. From January 1, 1911, to September 1st of that year he bought and shipped one thousand head of horses, each with an exchange value of two hundred and five dollars, thereby causing the sum of two hundred and five thousand dollars to be shipped from the East to this vicinity. It is just such enterprising hustlers as Mr. Dodd that keep the balance of wealth in the West and away from Wall street, thereby causing the so-called center of the world's wealth in the great metropolis to bow to the West in times of panic. The course of Mr. Dodd is worthy of commendation and emulation. He has shown that he is an industrious, unselfish, twentieth-century business man. He carries the Golden Rule into his everyday life and likes to see others succeed. He pays the highest market price for his live stock, but the great number handled has amply paid him for all his trouble.

## ORVILLE E. CONWELL.

One of the highly respected families of Jasper county whose members have tried to do their full duty in the affairs of the locality since they came here with the early settlers, the Conwells are certainly deserving of our attention at this time, one of the best known of the present generation being the young farmer of Independence township whose name forms the caption of this sketch.

Orville E. Conwell was born in the township in which he has been content to spend his life and in which he is still very comfortably domiciled on a small farm, the date of his birth being recorded as December 20, 1881, and here he grew to manhood, attended the local schools and assisted his father with the general work on the home farm. His father, Robert C. Conwell, was born in Ohio, January 25, 1844, there spent his childhood, took up farming for a livelihood, came to Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, later in life and here he still resides, having become well established here. His wife, who was known in her maidenhood as Ellen Neff, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, December 6, 1851. To this union the following children were born: Mrs. Della Lavalleur, born June 24, 1874, is residing in Lorimor, Iowa; Florence died at the age of two years and nine months; Cora, born August 29, 1879; Orville E., of this review; Floyd, born September 15, 1889, is living at home. These children were born in this township. The Conwells, being among the earliest settlers here, have lived to see the great development that has taken place.

Orville E. Conwell was married on April 30, 1902, to Amanda Kracht, who was born in this township, June 3, 1884. Conrad Kracht, her father, was born in Germany in 1850, and her mother, known in her maidenhood as Emma Harre, was born in Wisconsin July 30, 1858; both now reside in Baxter, Iowa. The father emigrated to the United States when a young man and here he met with gratifying success. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kracht: Mary, who married R. P. Davidson, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; William H., born November 21, 1881, is living on the home farm in Independence township; Pauline A. Clark, born August 21, 1883, lives in Marshalltown, Iowa; Amanda S., wife of Mr. Conwell of this review; Helen L., born March 24, 1887, lives in Marshalltown; Lydia H. Miller, born December 18, 1889, lives in Independence township; Ella F., born May 6, 1893; Edwin C., is attending school in Baxter. To Mr. and Mrs. Conwell have been born two daughters, Romaine, born August 30, 1903, and Vera, born July 1, 1905.

Mr. Conwell has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and he is now the owner of a productive and neat little farm of forty acres in Independence township, and in connection with this he has charge of one of the best farms in the county, and he is making a success of general farming. He raises good grade stock and at a certain time each year buys and sells many cattle and some horses, and he is regarded as an excellent judge of these animals.

Politically, Mr. Conwell is an independent voter. He belongs to Baxter lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Baxter. His wife is a member of the German Reformed church of her community.

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#### WILLIAM MADISON TICE.

This is an age in which the farmer stands pre-eminently above any other class as a producer of wealth, and there is a rapidly growing sentiment among the dwellers of the great cities that the rural districts are the best, so they are going back to the soil in ever-increasing numbers, for there they not only find a greater independence and really have more of the good things of life, not the least of which is better health of both body and mind. The farmer does not have to put forth such strenuous efforts to feed himself and his family. He simply takes advantage of the winds, the warm air, the bright sunshine, the life-giving rains, and, handling nature's gifts rightly, reaps the rewards that always come to patient, persistent toil. One of this number is William Madison Tice, a young farmer of Linn Grove township, Jasper county.

Mr. Tice was born in Marion county, Iowa, on October 9, 1880, and he is the son of Theophilus Dunbar Tice and Harriet (Godby) Tice, the father born in Mahaska county, four miles east of Pella; the mother was also a native of Mahaska county, and there they grew to maturity, were educated and married, and they began life on the farm, prospered through hard work and good management, finally becoming the owners of five hundred and fifty acres, two hundred and forty of which were in Jasper county. The elder Tice became one of the leading agriculturists of his community and was a man of excellent characteristics. Politically, he was a Democrat. The paternal grandfather, Madison Tice, was a very early settler in Mahaska county, coming from Illinois to that locality in 1847 when the county was undeveloped and neighbors were few and far between. The father of the subject moved to Pella in 1907 and retired. His family consisted of the fol-

lowing children: Lester is living in Mahaska county; Ella Jane; Mrs. Bertha May Wallace is living in Minnesota; Veda Grace, and William Madison, who was the second child in order of birth.

William M. Tice, of this review, attended school at the Sand Bridge school house in his native community in Marion county. After leaving school he assisted his father with the general work about the place until he was married, and in 1907 he began operating his father's farm of two hundred and forty acres in Jasper county and here he has continued to the present time, keeping the place well improved and well cultivated and becoming one of the leading young farmers of Linn Grove township. He pays special attention to live stock and keeps seven head of full-blooded Percheron mares for breeding purposes.

On October 19, 1904, Mr. Tice was united in marriage with Minnie May Talbot, who was born in Jasper county, the daughter of Warren N. Talbot, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Tice have one child, Harold J., who was born July 10, 1907.

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#### LOUIS C. SCHNELL.

Among the younger generation of agriculturists of Jasper county who are especially worthy of notice as having been active in the improvement and prosperity of their localities and have acquired valuable property through their individual enterprise, at the same time building up a reputation which shall endure the test for generations to come, none have exerted a more beneficent influence on those about them than the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review.

Louis C. Schnell, representative of a well known old family and a leading farmer of Richland township, was born in Buena Vista township, this county, on December 2, 1878, the son of John A. and Caroline (Shutts) Schnell, both natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to America when young, the father being twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to the state of New York, where the family remained two years, then came to Illinois, where two years was spent. The family came to Iowa in 1861, and the father bought forty acres of land, to which he has added other land until he now owns a section in Richland township and is one of the leading agriculturists of the same; however, he is now living retired, having done practically no active work for over fifteen years, he and his wife having lived in

Newton since 1905. He is a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. His family consisted of six children, an equal number of sons and daughters, namely: Henry, deceased; John W., of Richland township; Ada, deceased; Mrs. Ella Sharp; Louis C., of this review; Mrs. Emma McDonough and Mrs. Mary Sparks.

The subject attended the public schools in Richland township and grew to maturity on the home farm which he helped develop, in fact, he worked on the home place until he was twenty-six years of age, and he rented three hundred and twenty acres of his father when the latter retired and moved from the old homestead. In 1908 he bought eighty acres of the home place and there he still lives, operating the three hundred and twenty acres. He has kept the place under excellent improvements and well tilled, carrying on general farming in a successful manner. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in South Dakota.

Mr. Schnell was married on January 27, 1904, to Myrtle B. Rohdanz, a native of Jasper county and the daughter of Robert Rohdanz, who was one of the early settlers in Jasper county, having emigrated to this country from Germany, where he was born. Three children, sons, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schnell, Raymond, Wilber and Claire.

Mr. Schnell is a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. Through good management he has prospered and has all the modern conveniences and comforts of life.

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#### HESS D. PARSONS.

In all that constitutes true manhood and good citizenship Hess D. Parsons, one of the best known and most substantial of Jasper county farmers, is a notable example and none stands higher than he in the esteem and confidence of the community honored by his citizenship. His career has been characterized by duty faithfully done and by industry, thrift and wisely directed efforts he has acquired a liberal share of this world's goods, besides earning a reputation which has never been clouded by the commission of a single unworthy act. He is a man of good judgment and pronounced views and while keeping himself well informed upon current events and taking a lively interest in all public affairs of his township and county he has never had the faintest desire to exchange the quiet and contented life of the cozy farm for the distractions and cares which usually come to the man who fills official stations. He has



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worked hard for that which he now possesses, and knows how to appreciate the true dignity of labor and to place a correct estimate upon the value of money. Nevertheless he is liberal in his benefactions and stands ever ready to support with his influence and means all measures for the material and moral welfare of his community. He is one of our esteemed pioneer citizens, having cast his lot with the people of this locality when the wild prairie sod was mostly unused to the plowshare and neighbors were few, and here he has played most excellently his part in the drama of civilization.

Hess D. Parsons, well known proprietor of "Malaka Stock Farm," one of the "show" places of this section of the county, was born in Randolph county, West Virginia, April 17, 1843. He is the son of George and Susannah (Harper) Parsons, both natives of Virginia, the father born in 1802 and the mother in 1804. They grew up, were educated and married in the Old Dominion, finally emigrating to Jasper county, Iowa, where they became well established on a farm in Malaka township, and became prominent in the affairs of the same, and here they both spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1856 and the mother in 1902. Their family consisted of thirteen children, named as follows: Mrs. Almarine Holland Marion, Mrs. Emeline Goslee are all deceased; Harper J. lives in California; the next two children died in infancy; Mrs. Geraldine Mendenhall, and Mrs. Tamaranda Bank are both deceased; Hess D., of this review; Susan Margaret is deceased; George W. lives in Newton; Louise is deceased. These children were all born in West Virginia, except the youngest, whose birth occurred in Jasper county, and they were all practically reared here.

Hess D. Parsons came with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1853, the long journey being made in an old-fashioned "prairie schooner," and required six weeks, many interesting incidents of this trip being recalled by the subject. There were no railroads in Iowa at that time and the country was wild and sparsely settled. The father entered land from the government in Malaka township, the subject now residing on the same, being in possession of the old homestead. He owns four hundred and eighty acres of as fine land as the county affords and this he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improvement and he has a commodious and attractive home and large, convenient barns and up-to-date farming machinery, in fact, everything about the place indicates thrift, prosperity and good management. He has been a careful student of soils, grains, rotation of crops, in fact, all phases of modern agriculture and he has been repaid by abundant crops annually. In connection with general farming, which he carries on extensively, he finds time to devote

much attention to live stock. He has one of the finest herds of registered short-horn cattle in the state, and they are universally admired and find a very ready market at fancy prices at his annual sales which he has conducted at his farm for years. He is also a raiser of Poland-China hogs, but not the registered class. He is regarded as one of the best judges of live stock in the county.

Mr. Parsons was married on February 16, 1869, to Mary Widell, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on February 3, 1845, and there she spent her girlhood and received her education, coming with her parents to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1867 and here she has since resided continuously. She is the daughter of George and Mary (Milburn) Widell, both natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, the father born on November 20, 1816, and the mother on May 3, 1823; there they grew up, received their education in the common schools and were married and spent most of their lives. They emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, upon the date mentioned above and here spent the remainder of their lives, the father living but a short time, dying in 1868, the mother surviving over thirty years, her death having occurred here in 1901.

There were six children in the Widell family, named as follows: Mrs. Sarah Ramsey and Amanda are deceased; Mary, wife of Mr. Parsons of this review; Mrs. George Woods is living in Newton; Mrs. Ella Clark lives in North Yakima, Washington; William K. lives in Newton. These children were all born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania.

To Mr. and Mrs. Parsons three daughters have been born, two of whom are living, namely: Lulu Jasper, born April 7, 1870, lives in Newton; Hattie, born April 20, 1874, died on December 22d of the same year; Pearl Marie, born September 8, 1880, lives with her parents on the home farm, where she and the other children were born. In addition to a good common school education, these two daughters have received excellent musical training, each being talented in this, the highest of the fine arts; the youngest attended the State University of Iowa.

Mr. Parsons is a Republican in politics. He has ably served his community as township trustee and as a member of the board of education for many years. Mrs. Parsons is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Newton.

Mr. Parsons met with the misfortune of losing his left arm in early manhood while threshing; but this seemingly untoward circumstance did not thwart him in his life work, and nothing daunted he pushed forward with renewed determination and has succeeded beyond the average farmer and stock man, having accumulated a splendid property and a competency through his

individual enterprise. The Parsons home has long been noted for its hospitality and genial atmosphere and the family is prominent in the social life of the community.

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### JACOB VAN KAMPEN, JR.

Notwithstanding the fact that the kingdom of Holland is one of the smallest countries of the world, it has sent a large number of settlers to the United States. They began coming in the colonial days and while they have been content to remain along the Atlantic seaboard for the most part, they have branched out into almost all sections of the Union, to which they have been ever loyal, supporting our institutions and reverencing our flag; in fact, they have shown a perfect willingness to follow it on the battlefields of every war from the Revolution to the Spanish-American, and since the independence which they helped to secure they have done their share in the upbuilding of their communities, for, appreciating the blessings of liberty, they have never been slow to recognize the possibilities that opened out in splendid perspective before all emigrants who should locate in this country. Accordingly large numbers of Hollanders have emigrated and now constitute some of our best and most moral communities. Of this thrifty and freedom-loving people came the subject of this sketch.

Jacob Van Kampen, Jr., one of the younger generation of farmers of Richland township, Jasper county, was born in Holland, on May 19, 1880, the son of Jacob and Nellie (Van Holland) Van Kampen, both born in Holland, the father in 1842 and the mother in 1837, and there they grew to maturity and were married and began life for themselves on the farm, also carried on dairying, and in 1892 they emigrated with their family to the United States and located at Pella, Iowa, where they lived a year and farmed, then moved to Jasper county and rented land for six years, during which time they got a good start and then the elder Van Kampen bought one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township, which he farmed successfully and in the summer of 1911 he retired from the farm and moved to Sully, a village in Lynn Grove township, where he is now spending his declining years in quiet. He and his good wife, after long years of hard toil, now find themselves very comfortably established, owning a pleasant residence as well as their farm, the management of which they have turned over to their sons: Jacob, Jr., of this review, and Averd, each operating eighty acres. This arrangement had been made back in 1901, but the parents still lived on the

place until this year, the old folks living with the subject the meanwhile, but the father did little active work. Besides these sons, there is a daughter, Mrs. Fannie Bruxfeert. Averd married, in 1901, Nellie Rykhoek and they have two sons, Jacob and Benjamin.

Jacob Van Kampen was twelve years of age when he came with the family to America. He attended school in Pella, Iowa, and in Richland township, this county. He was married in 1909 to Myrtle Bayls, who was born in Iowa. This union has been without issue.

Young Jacob Van Kampen has devoted his attention to farming since he was a boy, began renting when twenty-one years of age, and he has kept the home place well improved and well tilled. He is thoroughly American in his methods and is an intelligent and industrious young man, bearing, like all of his family, an untarnished reputation.

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#### JUDSON S. BOOTH.

Jasper county can boast of no more progressive class of citizens than the large number of New Yorkers who have found homes within her borders. Many of them came here without any influential friends to assist them in getting a start and they were limited in financial resources, but, imbued with a sturdy independence and a laudable ambition to succeed, they have taken advantage of the wonderful possibilities afforded by this favored country. Gradually, step by step, they have risen to places of prominence in various lines of activity. Of these there can be none mentioned who deserves more favorable mention than Judson S. Booth, one of the substantial citizens of Baxter, who has lived to see and take a conspicuous growth in the development of the county, having had its interests at heart from the first. He is known to be a man of progressive ideas and an advocate of right living and is therefore eminently deserving of the high esteem and confidence in which he is universally held.

Mr. Booth was born at Napoli, Cattaraugus county, New York, June 17, 1848, and he spent his early boyhood there and in Illinois, but the major part of his life has been spent in Iowa. He is the son of Lyman and Alice (Pushel) Booth, both natives of the state of New York, where they grew up and married, the mother dying in 1851, when the subject was three years of age. The father emigrated west in an early day and his death occurred at Plainview, Nebraska, December 30, 1910, at an advanced age. Their family

consisted of seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Albert, deceased; Mrs. Lucy Rose, of Saginaw, Michigan; Judson S., of this review; Elmer, deceased; Elton lives in Texas; Ellsworth lives in Audubon; Alice is deceased.

Judson S. Booth was brought to Whiteside county, Illinois, in 1853 and remained there until 1867, then came to Jasper county, Iowa, locating in Independence township and has been a resident of this locality ever since. In 1882 he removed to Rhodes and engaged in the lumber business and was also interested in the same line in Baxter, building the first business in the latter and he remained at the former place ten years. When he came to Baxter he found a prairie country, undeveloped. He came to the county empty-handed, but by industry and good management has accumulated a competency. He bought live stock all over northern Jasper county and southern Marshall county. He is the owner of two of the best business places in Baxter, and until recently he owned one of the best farms in this vicinity, consisting of two hundred acres in Clear Creek township. He has been successful in whatever line he has directed his efforts and now as old age approaches he is taking life easy, being deserving of the respite and should enjoy the fruits of his former years of activity.

Judson S. Booth was married on June 11, 1871, to Charlotte A. Conwell, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, August 24, 1853. She is the daughter of Clark D. and Rebecca (Toppin) Conwell, both natives of Ohio, where they grew up, were educated and married, emigrating to Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, in the early days and here they spent the balance of their lives, the father dying in July, 1887, and the mother on November 10, 1910, at an advanced age. In the Conwell family were the following children: Robert, Ed, Charlotte A., wife of Mr. Booth, of this sketch; Henry, Carlos, Clark, Mrs. Sarah Guthrie and Mrs. Webb. For a complete history of the Conwell family the reader is directed to the sketch of Carlos Conwell, which appears in another part of this work.

To Mr. and Mrs. Booth have been born two daughters and one son, namely: Mrs. Carrie Downs, born in Baxter, May 5, 1873, is the wife of Horace B. Downs, the leading druggist of Baxter; Mrs. Lulu M. Lane, born September 29, 1879, is living at Bigelow, Minnesota; Ed, born at Rhodes, Iowa, November 16, 1886, is living at Baxter. These children were reared in Jasper county, and attended the public schools at Rhodes and Baxter, receiving good common school educations.

Politically, Mr. Booth is a Democrat and he has been more or less active in local affairs for some time. He has been a member of the board

of education and the town council, both in Rhodes and Baxter. He was formerly a member of the township board of trustees for Independence township. Fraternally, he belongs to Unit Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter, also Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, at Baxter; Mrs. Booth belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star at Baxter. They have a modern and neatly furnished home in Baxter, and have all the modern conveniences, including an automobile. They are great readers and, keeping their home well supplied with the world's best literature, are well posted on current topics, and, being genial and hospitable, they number their friends only by the limit of their acquaintance.

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#### BERT HILL.

"Bert" Hill, the name by which he is familiarly known by everyone, whose initials are M. G., is a son of J. B. and Elizabeth (Stanley) Hill, than which no better nor finer family ever lived in Jasper county, Iowa. Natives of the Hoosier state, they early came to Iowa and settled in Buena Vista township. Mr. Hill was a successful farmer and a good business man, owning at one time in the neighborhood of six hundred acres of land in parts of sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 in Buena Vista township, and at the time of his death, which occurred in February, 1900, at the age of sixty-two, he possessed four hundred and eighty acres. He was a man of great public spirit and one of the substantial men of his community. He left to mourn his loss a wife and eight children, as follows: W. E. married Emma Alum, and now lives in Idaho; Charles E. married Beulah Gibbs, and resides on a farm in Kellogg township; Mary, wife of E. M. Eubank, resides in Maxwell, Iowa; Dora, wife of James Balmer, lives in Kellogg township; Bert, the subject of this review; Howard married Clara Bobzin, and lives in Buena Vista township; Anna, the wife of Scott Smith, resides in Buena Vista township; Leslie is living in Kellogg, Iowa, with his mother.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, the mother, still retains possession of the old Hill homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, although residing in Kellogg. Most of the land owned by Mr. Hill, Sr., which descended to the children, has been sold and the family have invested in other ventures or lands in other places.

At this time "Bert" Hill is the owner of but twenty acres of land in Buena Vista township, but he owns a quarter section of good land in Faulk

county, South Dakota; he is also a part owner with his brother-in-law, Scott Smith, of a threshing machine outfit, and now owns two automobiles. He is a genial, good natured fellow—a "prince of good fellows." In 1898 he was united in marriage with Nellie Vance, and to this union has been born one child, a son, who answers to the name of Carroll, now in his eleventh year.

Living with Mr. Hill, and also farming, is his brother, Howard, born December 15, 1882, who, in 1904, married Clara Bobzin, daughter of Fred and Caroline (Bootmeyer) Bobzin, who reside in Kellogg, Iowa. Mrs. Howard Hill has two brothers, Henry and William, who live at home with their parents. Howard Hill began working for himself as a farmer, but afterward learned the barber trade, and in 1901 he sold his farm and moved to the city of Kellogg, where he worked at his trade until the spring of 1910, when he moved back to the farm, where he now lives with his brother, Bert. They have no children.

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#### JACOB AUSTIN BRANTNER.

To Jacob Austin Brantner, one of Kellogg township's most enterprising farmers, has come the reward that is always vouchsafed to honest and persistent industry, as is shown by his present comfortable circumstances in life.

Mr. Brantner was born in Ogle county, Illinois, August 9, 1858, and he is the son of Michael and Mary (Philips) Brantner, the father born in Maryland, in September, 1802, and in that state the mother was also born in August, 1812. They spent their lives on a farm and became very well situated later in life. The father's death occurred in November, 1906, and the mother's death occurred some years before, in December, 1899. They spent their last days in Jasper county.

Jacob A. Brantner, of this review, grew to maturity in Ogle county, Illinois, and received his education there and worked on a farm until he was eighteen years of age. In August, 1876, he came to Melbourne, Marshall county, Iowa, and there engaged in farming until 1878, when he went to Kansas, and remained there one year, then returned to Marshall county and lived there until 1881, in which year he came to Jasper county, where he remained fourteen years, working on the Summer Gales farm in Newton township. Then he moved to the Wayne farm in Marshall county, then back

to Jasper county in 1902, having worked on the farm all these years. Moving to the old Joe Dodge farm in 1904, he remained there two years. He also worked on the Wilson and Peterson place, remaining there three years, then located on his present place, known as the old Dammeier farm. He has improved the place and has a very neat home. The place consists of one hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. Brantner was united in the bonds of marriage to Maggie States, who was born in Orin, Illinois, September 2, 1868, the daughter of David and Mandy (Pierce) States, the father born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Orin, Illinois.

Politically, Mr. Brantner is a Republican. His family consists of two sons and three daughters, namely: Delbert B., born May 15, 1889; Della M., born August 25, 1890, married John Hann; Delsa Pearl was born May 13, 1893; Addie was born September 7, 1894; Marion W. J. was born December 3, 1908; they are all living.

The subject is one of a family of six children, the others being Harris, Samuel, John, Joseph M., Charles B. and Albin.

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#### THOMAS SWALWELL.

Year has been added to year and decade to decade until nearly a half century has been numbered with the past since Thomas Swalwell, one of the leading agriculturists and stock men of Jasper county and one of Clear Creek township's most worthy and substantial citizens, took up his permanent residence here. Upon his arrival this section of the comparatively new Hawkeye state was largely an undeveloped region, awaiting the awakening touch of the sturdy pioneers to transform its wild lands into rich farms and beautiful homes, to found cities and towns, to establish churches and schools, and in many other ways to reclaim the country for the use of man. As a representative of one of the early families that led the van of civilization into this favored region, Mr. Swalwell is eminently deserving of mention with the leading citizens of the locality, whose interests he has ever had at heart and sought to promote whenever occasion presented itself, and it is with pleasure that a review of his long, busy and useful life is herewith presented.

Mr. Swalwell is an American by adoption only, being a Britisher by birth, though most of his life has been spent among us, and we are always glad to claim kinship with those who speak our mother tongue. We claim him as our



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS SWALWELL



own for this and other reasons, not the least of which is the fact that, while cherishing the Union Jack, he is nevertheless loyal to the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. Swalwell was born in Scarborough, Yorkshire, England, March 19, 1844, and he is the son of Thomas and Harriet Swalwell, both natives of England, where they grew up, were educated, married and, in fact, spent their lives. The only members of their family living besides the subject are William and Mrs. Belle Drake.

Thomas Swalwell grew up in his native land and was educated there. Having had his youthful imagination fired by the stories of prosperity and opportunity in the great western republic, he emigrated to our shores upon reaching manhood, arriving in the state of Illinois on May 1, 1867, but remained there only a year, then came on to Jasper county, Iowa, where he has been identified with the agricultural interests from that time to the present, having been successful far above the average farmer. He went to work with a will, foreseeing a great future in these rich prairies, and by economy, persistence, good management and honest dealings he progressed from year to year, until he now owns two hundred acres in his home place in Clear Creek township, three hundred and twenty acres in Emmet county and one hundred and sixty acres in New Albany township, Story county. These farms are all well improved, well kept, fertile and desirably located. His home is commodious, well furnished, modernly equipped and in the midst of pleasant surroundings, in fact, his family enjoys every convenience that can be secured to make life worth the living.

Mr. Swalwell was first married to Jane Richardson, whose death occurred in 1871, only a few years after he came to this locality. To this union one child, Thomas Vernon Swalwell, was born. The subject's second marriage was in 1872, when he led Harriet Kimberley to the altar. She was born in Herkimer county, New York, June 1, 1852. For a history of her family the reader is directed to the sketch of Isaiah Kimberley.

To this second union thirteen children have been born, all but the eldest, Lot, still living, he having died when two years old. The others are, Mrs. Harriet Frances Oswald, born September 20, 1874, resides in Emmet county, Iowa; Mrs. Nellie Oswald, born November 23, 1876, lives in Story county; Mrs. Ruth Vilas, born August 30, 1878, lives in Madrid, Iowa; James Weaver, born October 13, 1880; Jay B., born March 8, 1883; Belva, born November 21, 1884, attended Baxter high school for one year and Drake University at Des Moines for a year, and is at present teaching school at Ogden, Iowa; Iva, born November 20, 1886, is teaching in the rural schools of Jasper county; Eva, born September 4, 1888, is also teaching in rural schools; Charles, born July

6, 1890; Christopher, born April 22, 1893; Ada, born October 29, 1895; George, born March 2, 1897. These children were reared at the home farm in Clear Creek township.

Politically, Mr. Swalwell is a Democrat, and while he takes an interest in local affairs he has not aspired to public leadership.

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#### OSCAR O. CARPENTER, M. D.

Although not yet in the full zenith of his powers, Dr. Oscar O. Carpenter, of Sully, Jasper county, has won a wide reputation in the medical profession and has shown what a man of careful mental training, honesty of purpose and an abundance of zeal and persistence can accomplish, although many obstacles beset his way. He is naturally endowed with the capacities of the successful practitioner of medicine, at least this would be inferred, judging from the eminent success he has attained. Moreover, he possesses genuine love for his work and regards it as a privilege to carry comfort and aid to the sick and suffering.

Doctor Carpenter was born in Adams county, Illinois, February 4, 1867, the son of Louis C. and Sarah (Rudy) Carpenter, the father born in Ohio in 1837 and the mother in Illinois in 1845. The father was a physician and he practiced in Schuyler county, Illinois, from 1870 to 1878, then he moved to Galesburg, Jasper county, Iowa, where he continued to practice until 1908, when, after a most successful and useful career, he retired and moved to Pella, Iowa, where he still resides. He was a practitioner of the old school and was always greatly beloved by his patients and acquaintances. He was educated at the medical school at Keokuk, Iowa, and at St. Joseph.

Dr. Oscar O. Carpenter, of this review, is the youngest of a family of three sons, all doctors, his brothers being Frank, who is practicing medicine at Pella, Iowa, and Fred, a doctor at Reasnor, this county. The fact that the father and three sons are doctors would indicate that the Carpenter family has a natural bent in this line of endeavor.

The subject was educated in the public schools of Galesburg, Iowa, later went to school at Shenandoah, attending the Western Normal College to within a few months of graduation, then he began teaching, which he continued several years and although he made a pronounced success in this line of endeavor he abandoned the school room and went to Des Moines, where he took a course in pharmacy in Drake University, and was graduated from

the same in 1891; continuing in the medical department there, he was graduated from that in 1894. Thus well equipped for his life work, he began practicing medicine in Des Moines, which he continued for four years, then came to Reasnor, Jasper county, where he continued in the practice three years. Moving to Sully in 1902, he has continued to the present time, having acquired a very large practice, possibly as large as that of any physician in this or adjoining counties. He is kept almost constantly on the move, and maintains two teams of horses and an automobile. He has had wonderful success as a general practitioner, and, notwithstanding the fact that he has been very busy with his numerous patients he has always kept well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession, never ceasing to be a student. He has a well equipped office, supplied with such modern surgical instruments and appliances as his needs require.

Doctor Carpenter is a member of the Jasper County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On November 1, 1904, the Doctor was united in marriage with Arletta Howe, who was born in Grinnell, Iowa, the daughter of John Howe, who came to Iowa from England in 1870 and here spent the rest of his life, becoming well established and well known, his death occurring on May 11, 1900. One child, Mary Doris, was born to the Doctor and wife, whose birth occurred on March 1, 1908.

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#### WARREN A. WILLIAMSON.

The gentleman whose life history is here taken under consideration is one of the strong, sturdy characters who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the community where he lives, being a business man of more than ordinary sagacity and foresight, and as a citizen, public-spirited and progressive in all that the term implies, being ranked as one of the leaders in financial circles of Jasper county and one of the most representative citizens of Reasnor, and yet a plain, unassuming, straightforward gentleman whom to know is to admire and respect. But when we consider the excellent quality of his Buckeye blood, drawn from sterling pioneer ancestry, it is not surprising that he has developed into a man that does things.

Warren A. Williamson, cashier of the bank at Reasnor, was born in Thornburg, Iowa, February 6, 1878, and he is the son of Isaac F. and Mary A. (Dunn) Williamson, both natives of Ohio. When a young man the father

left his home in the Buckeye state and went to Illinois, where he remained about two years, working as a farm hand. He then came to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land and began farming, developing a good farm there in due course of time, still owning and residing on that place, where he has become very comfortably established and is one of the influential men of his community, being active in public life, and he has held many of the township offices and served as a member of the school board. He is connected with the Thornburg Savings Bank, having been its former vice-president, and he is a man of considerable means, which he has made singly and unaided. While he has never sought county or state offices, he has long taken an abiding interest in political affairs. His wife, who has been a faithful helpmeet in all that the term implies, is still living. Their family consisted of three sons: William D., born April 30, 1876, died in March, 1896; Clyde C., born May 20, 1882, resides in Sigourney, Iowa, being assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Sigourney; Warren A., of this review, was next in order of birth.

After obtaining a good education, Warren A. Williamson began life for himself, in 1899, by entering the State Savings Bank of Monroe, Iowa, as assistant cashier. Six months later his employer sold out his interests there and organized the Reasnор Savings Bank, at Reasnор, Jasper county, which for five years thereafter was run as a private bank, after which it was made a state bank. Mr. Williamson has been connected with this bank since its organization, having entered it at the age of twenty-two years, and much of its popularity and prestige is due to his ability and his uniform courtesy to its patrons. He has served as cashier since becoming connected with it, and in a manner that has met with the hearty approval of all concerned.

Mr. Williamson was united in the marriage vow with Miss Gertrude M. Watson, daughter of J. R. and Margaret (Farrow) Watson, both natives of Iowa and both still living. Mrs. Williamson is the only child of her parents and she was born December 6, 1882, at Thornburg, Keokuk county, and has received a good education. This union has been graced by the birth of three children, one of whom, Paul E., born January 4, 1899, died October 4th following; Keith R., born October 14, 1900, is in school, as is also Dale R., who was born April 20, 1903.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Williamson are members of the Methodist church at Reasnор, he being one of the stewards and she a member of the Ladies Aid Society. They are active in church affairs. Mr. Williamson, in his fraternal relations, belongs to Monumental Lodge No. 311, Ancient Free and Accepted

Masons, of Galesburg, of which he is also treasurer. He is treasurer of the Reasnor school district. In politics he is a faithful supporter of the Republican party.

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#### FRED BAIN.

Another of the most progressive of Jasper county's young farmers and stock men who is worthy of specific mention in this work is Fred Bain, whose energy and good management has brought him a very desirable success. He comes of an honored old pioneer family, members of which have done much for the general good of this county, and here his birth occurred on February 5, 1876. He is the son of Hamilton D. and Margaret (Farmer) Bain, the father being a native of New York and the mother of Ohio. They grew to maturity in the East and came to Jasper county, Iowa, when young, here marrying. The paternal grandparents came to this county in the early days and here developed a farm. Hamilton Bain lived to see this locality transformed from wild prairies to its present high state of cultivation, and he did much to encourage the general upbuilding of the community, for he was a man of fine public spirit and true worth, and was one of the county's most highly esteemed citizens. His death occurred in 1904, while residing on the home farm in Fairview township. At the time of his death he owned one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in the county. He served his township in nearly every capacity for a great many years. He was not a soldier himself, but he had five brothers in the Civil war. His grandfather was a trainer of troops in his day and he organized a number of volunteer companies for military training.

There were three sons and three daughters in the family of Hamilton Bain, of whom three are deceased, namely: Emma is the wife of J. E. Sipe, a rural mail carrier who resides in Reasnor; Nettie is the wife of S. V. Wheeler and they live near Reasnor; Neil died when twenty-two years old; Mina died at the age of fifteen, and Orie's death occurred at the age of twenty-one.

By a former marriage of Hamilton Bain two children were born, Mrs. John Krouse, of Colorado, and Mrs. Maud Guthrie, who was the wife of George Guthrie, is deceased.

Fred Bain has always been a farmer. When a boy he worked on the home place and attended the neighboring schools in the winter. He began life by renting land for several years, working hard all the time. At the

end of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres north of Newton, upon which he lived two years; he then sold it and purchased his present farm near Reasnor, upon which he now lives and which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation and where he is very successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On October 5, 1897, Mr. Bain was married to Etta Bean, daughter of Charles and Ella (Oldfield) Bean, who now live on a farm in the state of Idaho, devoting his attention principally to fruit growing. His wife is deceased. Mrs. Bain is the child of a second marriage of the father. She has one sister, Mrs. Shipley of Menlo, Iowa. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bain, Harold, whose birth occurred July 4, 1898, and Mildred, born February 8, 1902.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bain take an active interest in church work at Reasnor, being members of the Methodist Episcopal church there, of which he is one of the trustees. In politics he is a Republican. He is a whole-souled, genial young man of excellent character.

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#### OLEY A. KINTZ.

It is in such communities as that of which this historical and biographical work deals that full swing can be given to the energies of the individual. A man may choose any business or profession he desires, and he is limited only by competition. He must meet the skill of others and give as good service as they or he will not get the positions. Such adaptation to any work or business is well shown in the career of Oley A. Kintz, one of the best known and universally esteemed young men of Jasper county.

Mr. Kintz was born in Clear Creek township, this county, July 27, 1885. When two years old he removed with his parents to the town of Collins. The family later moved to the village of Rhodes and in these two places the subject grew to manhood and attended the public schools, having graduated from the Collins high school. In 1901 he entered the Capital City Commercial College, completing the course there in 1902. He then entered Drake University, completing the course in pharmacy, taking additional work of two years in medicine and one in law. He made an excellent record in all these, and became exceptionally well equipped for the battle of life. Having taken considerable interest in athletics, he became coach, both football and track, for the West Des Moines high school team, and the follow-

ing year he was coach for the Leander Clark College, and at the same time performed the duties of principal of the commercial department. The following year he entered the employ of the Modern Woodmen of America, as field man, and is continuing in the same at present, having given eminent satisfaction to all concerned in this important position and acquitting himself in a manner that indicates him to be the possessor of splendid attributes of head and heart. He is considered one of the most capable, trustworthy and valuable field men of that organization. During the four years he was in college he made the football team each year. He was a member of the All-Iowa team for three of those years, and he enjoys the credit and distinction of being the best full-back that the state of Iowa has produced. The sporting editor of the *Register and Leader*, of Des Moines, stated in its Thanksgiving number that he possessed more natural ability than any member of a college team in this state. Mr. Kintz won seven gold medals in Iowa inter-collegiate meets. For two years he held the state record for hammer throwing, and in addition he was one of the best utility baseball players on any of the college teams.

Oley A. Kintz is the son of Commodore P. Kintz and wife, well known pioneer citizens of this county, a complete sketch of whom is to be found on another page of this work.

The subject of this sketch was married on June 6, 1906, to Dorothy Margaret Pringey, who was born in Atalissa, Muscatine county, Iowa, February 14, 1886. She moved to Des Moines with her parents when a small child and there she grew to womanhood and attended the public schools, later graduating from Capital Park school with the class of 1903. She afterwards attended the musical conservatory of Drake University, and made a splendid record there; she is a talented and accomplished pianist, and a young lady of culture and refinement. Her father, Charles Pringey, is engaged in the insurance business in Des Moines. Her grandfather Pringey, now advanced in years, is still hale and hearty and living at West Liberty, Iowa. The mother of Mrs. Kintz, who was known in her maidenhood as Margaret Hampton, is living at home in Des Moines. The maternal grandfather, Seth Hampton, resides at Atalissa, Iowa. Mrs. Kintz is the only child of her parents.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oley A. Kintz two sons have been born, namely: Elwood Pringey, born December 4, 1907, and Oley A., Jr., born July 24, 1911, both born in Des Moines.

Politically, Mr. Kintz is an independent voter, preferring to cast his ballot for the candidates whom he deems most worthy of the positions sought,

rather than for the party. He is prominent and active in fraternal circles, holding membership in Amity Lodge No. 361, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Collins; Capital Lodge No. 110, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Des Moines; Corinthian Chapter No. 14, of Des Moines; Temple Commandery No. 4; Tabernacle Perfection; Emanuel Chapter, Rose Croix; Knights of Kodosh, No. 3; Des Moines Consistory; Za-ga-zig Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, all of Des Moines. He is also a member of the U. S. Grant Camp No. 298, Modern Woodmen of America, of Des Moines, also the Yeoman, and the United Commercial Travelers No. 115, of Des Moines.

While Mr. Kintz is a native of Jasper county and spends considerable time here, he maintains his home at Twelfth and High streets in Des Moines. Personally, he is a genial, companionable gentleman whom to know is to trust and admire.

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#### B. F. BAKER.

The gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention, one of the best known farmers of Clear Creek township and one of Jasper county's most representative citizens,—B. F. Baker,—was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and a wise economy, he has attained a comfortable station in life. His career is one that should encourage others to press on to greater achievements. When he came to Jasper county, without money or influence, he set to work to overcome all difficulties that might lay in his path to success, and the comfortable competency and the high standing which he now enjoys is the result. Earnest perseverance, careful management and a willingness to work even in the face of obstacles—these are the elements which brought him prosperity, and while he has labored for his own advancement he has at the same time ever been vigilant in his efforts to forward the general interests of the community.

Mr. Baker was born of a sterling old family in Muscatine county, Iowa, November 1, 1846, and there he grew to maturity and received his education. He came to Jasper county in 1869 and settled in Clear Creek township and here he has resided continuously to the present day. He is the son of Harvey and Harriet (Freeman) Baker, both born in Ohio, the father in Clermont county, and they grew to maturity there, married and spent their early years, coming to Muscatine county, Iowa, later in life, where they both died. Their family consisted of three sons and two daughters, namely: George, of Musca-



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tine, Iowa; B. F., of this sketch; Marietta Gatton, of Bozeman, Montana; C. J., who lives on the old home farm in Muscatine county; Laura A. Mallicoat, who lives east of Newton, Iowa. The older brother was born in Marion county, Indiana, where the family lived a number of years, before coming west, and the younger ones were born in Muscatine county, Iowa.

B. F. Baker was married on September 2, 1873, to Jane E. Crawford, who was born in Ohio, September 8, 1853, and whose death occurred in Jasper county, Iowa, March 20, 1890. She was one of a family of two sons and four daughters, namely: Mrs. Hannah Tramel of Ira, this county; Jane E., who married Mr. Baker, of this sketch; H. W. Crawford of Lake City, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Audubon county, Iowa; Mrs. Nellie Planalp and J. H. Crawford, both living at the town of Ira.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baker a son and a daughter were born: Walter C., whose birth occurred on March 20, 1876, died March 31, 1900; Mrs. Coral H. Southern, born December 5, 1877, married E. E. Southern December 23, 1902, lives on the home farm with her father and she has these children: Lois Eva, born October 3, 1904; Thelma Leota, born November 6, 1906; Orlo Mansfield, born October 14, 1910; these children were born on the old homestead in Clear Creek township.

Mr. Baker has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and he has met with much larger success than the average person in this line of endeavor. He is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Clear Creek township, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, on which stand a modern and cozy dwelling and substantial outbuildings. Mr. Baker and E. E. Southern operate both his farm and a farm owned by Mr. Southern, and also rents one hundred and twenty acres in Sherman township which he owns.

Mr. Baker is a Republican in politics, and he has been a member of the school board of his district. Mr. Baker is a man who believes in keeping well abreast of the times, is progressive, broad-minded, industrious and of unquestioned integrity.

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#### ARTHUR HORACE BENSON.

In compiling this volume of representative citizens of Jasper county occasion has been afforded to give the records of men in many walks of life; here will be found appropriate mention of worthy citizens of all vocations, and at this juncture we are permitted to offer a resume of the career of one

of the enterprising young agriculturists of Kellogg township where he has spent his entire life and where he has attained a high degree of success in his chosen field of labor and enterprise.

Arthur Horace Benson was born in Jasper county, Iowa, February 3, 1871. He is the son of Horace Itheal Benson, who was born in New York and who came west later in life and devoted his attention to farming. He married Jane Elizabeth Irish, who was born in Connecticut.

The subject grew to maturity on the home farm and assisted in the general work about the place, attending the public schools, receiving a good education at Glendale school No. 7. Early in life he began farming for himself and he has continued to make this his life work, now owning an excellent place of one hundred and sixty acres which he devotes to general farming and stock raising in a manner that brings very definite results and he has a good home and convenient outbuildings. He located on his present farm in 1907.

Mr. Benson was married on March 13, 1891, to Ida May Faireloth, who was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, February 24, 1871; she is the daughter of Martin Van Buren Faireloth, who was born in South Carolina. He married Truzziller Jenkins, who was born in Indiana October 6, 1837. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Benson: Two daughters and one son, namely: Ruth, Mabel Irene and Arthur H.

Politically, Mr. Benson is a Democrat and he is a worthy member of the Congregational church.

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#### CHARLES PASHAN.

Any person who will investigate the facts in the case will be surprised to learn of the great number of people of Germanic descent now living in the United States. Unquestionably the greatest number of emigrants reaching the shores of the new world comes from that nation and statistics show that there is more Germanic blood in the United States than any other. This being the fact, it is easy to account for the prosperity and morality of this country. Not only that, but it will afford an explanation for the love of learning, scientific research and investigation shown by the people of this vast country.

One of this worthy number is Charles Pashan, who, however, might more properly be called an Austrian, but whose characteristics are identically those of the German citizen, for his birth occurred in German Austria, November 15, 1862. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pashan, were both

natives of the same country; the father, who was born in 1823, was a foreman in a brewery in his native country, and he is still living there, never having come to America.

Charles Pashan was educated in the schools of his native country where he grew to maturity, but he also attended school in Clinton county, Iowa, having emigrated to the United States in 1876. He worked hard and saved his money and therefore soon got a start, and in 1904 he purchased the excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-eight acres on which he now lives and which he has placed under excellent improvements. He has a good home and good outbuildings, and he raises considerable stock in connection with general farming. His farm is located in section 13, Kellogg township.

Mr. Pashan was married in 1892 to Emma Plashne, who was born in Plymouth county, Iowa, in 1872, and she is the daughter of John and Catherine Plashne, natives of Germany, who emigrated to Iowa in an early day and settled in Plymouth county. To Mr. and Mrs. Pashan five children have been born, three sons and two daughters, namely: Fred, Lydia, Nellie, Pearl and Archie.

Politically, Mr. Pashan is a Democrat and he belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America and the German Lutheran church.

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#### MERIT WINFIELD ADKAINS.

In the daily laborious struggle for an honorable competence and a solid career of most individuals there is little to attract the casual reader in search of a sensational chapter; but to a mind thoroughly awake to the reality and meaning of human existence there are noble and imperishable lessons in the career of one who, without other means than a clear head, strong arm and true heart, directed and controlled by correct principles and unmoving judgment, conquers adversity and, toiling on, finally wins.

The above paragraph briefly describes the life record of Merit Winfield Adkains, farmer of Kellogg township, of which he is a native, having been born here on April 19, 1871, and he has continued to make his home in Jasper county. He is the son of Lewis B. and Arlimeck Adkains, the father born in Kentucky, April 17, 1848, and the mother in Kellogg, Iowa, January 28, 1850. They came to this county in its early history and became well established on a farm here. Merit W. Adkains, of this review, was their only child. He grew up in Kellogg and attended the local schools. Upon reach-

ing maturity he went to Nebraska, later to Kansas and engaged in farming, but returned to Kellogg township, Jasper county, and in 1904 he located on his present farm of twenty-four and one-half acres in section 27, and here he has a neat little place which is yielding a very comfortable living under his able direction.

Mr. Adkains was married on September 17, 1896, to a Miss Dunn, who was born in Columbus, Texas, December 31, 1878, the daughter of Christopher and Nancy Jane Dunn, the father born in Ireland, November 13, 1843. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Adkains, five sons and one daughter, namely: Gaston, Agatha, Ceril, Alphonse, Basil, Marion R. Politically, Mr. Adkains is a Democrat and he is a member of the Christian church.

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#### ERVILLE THURLO CALLISON.

Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort in the affairs of life will inevitably result in the attaining of a due measure of success, but in following out the career of one who has attained success by his own efforts there comes into view the intrinsic individuality which made such accomplishment possible, and thus there is granted an objective incentive and inspiration, while at the same time there is enkindled a feeling of respect and admiration.

Erville Thurlo Callison, one of the young farmers of Kellogg township, Jasper county, belongs to the class of men referred to in the preceding paragraph. He was born in this county, May 22, 1879, the son of Frazier and Dora (Morris) Callison, the father born in Virginia in 1856 and the mother in Jasper county, Iowa. The father spent his boyhood in his native state, coming to Iowa early in his career and took up farming. His family consisted of seven children, three sons and four daughters, of whom Erville Thurlo of this review is the oldest; the others are, Willie, Bessie, May, Adalaide, Morris and Marie.

The subject grew to maturity in Jasper county and was educated in the public schools here, working on the home farm during the summer months. After attending college at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, he left home, at the age of eighteen to begin life for himself, and in 1899 he located on a farm east of Kellogg. Working hard and saving his money enabled him to purchase his present farm in 1906. It consists of eighty acres and is of splendid soil, a part of which lies in section 10 and part in section 15. Mr. Callison is

placing modern improvements on his land and has a very desirable place in every respect.

On January 8, 1902, Mr. Callison was married to Minnie Dennis, who was born in Newton, Iowa, March 15, 1881, the daughter of Azaria and Emlie (Brooks) Dennis, the father born in Illinois, and the mother in Ohio. Three children, one son and two daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Callison, namely: Bessie, Ross and Myrtle. Politically, Mr. Callison is a Democrat and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### OWEN J. FLANAGAN.

As his name would indicate, Owen J. Flanagan, of Mariposa township, Jasper county, is of Irish descent, being of the second generation in America. He has the characteristic wit, tact, energy and courage of his race, so many of whom have conferred a great favor upon the various states of the Union, for they have been emigrating to our shores since the early colonial days and have done a great work in pushing forward the car of civilization, taking an active part in public affairs and lending their services when our flag had to be defended. All in all, no more desirable race of people have come to this country than the Irish.

Mr. Flanagan was born in Jasper county, Iowa, September 7, 1875, and he is the son of William and Katherine (Kelly) Flanagan, both natives of Ireland. They spent their earlier years in their native country and emigrated to America, remaining a while in New York City, then coming to Jasper county, Iowa. There were eight children in their family, an equal number of boys and girls, namely: Martin, Owen J. (of this review), William, John, Julia, Maggie, Mary and Anna.

Mr. Flanagan received a good common school education and assisted with the general work about the place. After leaving school he clerked in a general store at Sully, Iowa, for six years, giving entire satisfaction to his employers. He then turned his attention to farming, and in March, 1909, located on the farm which he now owns in Mariposa township, this county, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent and well improved land, where he carries on general farming and stock raising successfully.

Mr. Flanagan was married on December 3, 1902, to Minnie DeBruyn, who was born in Pella, Marion county, Iowa, July 3, 1879, the daughter of Kryn and Mattie (Van Vark) DeBruyn, both natives of Holland, the father

born November 7, 1838, and died January 9, 1904, at the age of sixty-five years, six months and two days, the mother having been born April 29, 1848. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan, a daughter, Vernona, born April 9, 1905, and a son, Leo, born January 9, 1908.

Politically, Mr. Flanagan is a Democrat, and religiously a Catholic. Mrs. Flanagan is one of a family of thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters, namely: Frank, William, Ida, Maggie, Minnie (wife of the subject), Anna, John (deceased), Emma, Jenny, Bertie and Maymie.

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#### FRANCES A. MARK.

Frances A. Mark, widow of Samuel Mark, was born March 26, 1843, in Fayette county, Ohio, and is the daughter of William and Katherine (Bush) Baughn, both natives of Ohio. She lost both parents by death when she was but a small child and her uncle, Jacob Bush, took her into his family and cared for her as one of his own children. Mrs. Mark had two brothers and two sisters, namely: Charles, who died while in the service of the Union army from quick consumption in a hospital in Tennessee; Leonard died at the age of seventeen; Simeon died in infancy; Martha, wife of Abraham Dawson, who was killed while in the service of his country in the Civil war.

On March 17, 1863, Mrs. Mark was united in marriage to Samuel Mark, the son of Jonathan and Susanna Mark. Samuel Mark was born in Ohio and when the call came for men to go forth and help put down the rebellion, he enlisted and went to the front. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he returned home, married and settled down to a quiet life, but seeing the sore need of his country for help, he again enlisted and went to the front, leaving his young wife at home. He was a member of Company F, One Hundred Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was twice captured by the enemy, once at Harper's Ferry and once near Cynthiana, by Morgan. All his life Mr. Mark suffered from heart trouble due to exhaustion from a forced march while a captive of Morgan. Many of the prisoners were overcome at that time and fell by the wayside. After the close of the war he returned to his home in Ohio, where he engaged in farming. Two years later the family removed to Marion county, Iowa, where they pursued agricultural pursuits for twelve years, at the expiration of which time they came to Jasper county, where they purchased eighty acres of land in Buena Vista township. Here they established a home and have resided there continuously.

ever since, Mr. Mark dying there on December 5, 1893. While living in Marion county, Iowa, Mr. Mark had his ankle broken and for a few years he was unable to follow the plow, and learned the carpenter's trade, but after his ankle became strong again he resumed agricultural pursuits, carrying this on during the summer, while working at the carpenter's trade in the winter months. Mr. Mark has one brother living at this time, I. N. Mark, living near Moberly, Missouri. Two of his brothers served in the Civil war.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mark were born seven children, four of whom survive, namely: Rose, born August 2, 1864, wife of William H. Drake, living in Jasper county, Iowa; Armada died in childhood; Lucy J., born September 16, 1868, wife of Charles Scoville, living in Jasper county; Olive died in childhood; Ada, born April 10, 1875, married George P. Sampson (deceased) and lives in Jasper county; Georgianna, born in 1878, died when small; Daisy B., born December 17, 1880, wife of Charles J. Sampson, lives in Emmett county, Iowa. The daughter, Ada, mentioned above, is widowed and lives at home with her mother. Her husband, George P. Sampson, was overcome by foul air while assisting in the digging of a well, and was dead when taken out. He was the son of D. W. and Mary (Drake) Sampson; his brother, Charles married Daisy Mark. Mrs. Mark is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant View, Iowa, as was also her husband before his death. He was also a member of Garrett Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Kellogg, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Kellogg, Iowa. Mrs. Mark is of German descent on her mother's side; German and French on her father's. Her father's people came from Carolina, her grandfather Baughn being a slave driver there before the Civil war.

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#### EATHEL LAURENCE HALLAM.

When one works with the persistency and courage, despite obstacles, that has characterized the career of Eathel Laurence Hallam, farmer of Kellogg township, Jasper county, that one is very likely to reap rich rewards, for he has accomplished much, although a young man, having started in life for himself at an early period and closely applied himself to his chosen work.

Mr. Hallam was born in Jasper county, February 14, 1883. He is the son of Joseph M. Hallam, who was born in Illinois, March 9, 1860. He grew up and was educated in his native state, and devoted his earlier life to farming. In 1890 he came to Davenport, Iowa, and served three years on the

street railway system. Leaving Davenport, he moved to Tama county, this state, where he engaged in the livery business until 1908, when he came to Murphy, Buena Vista township, Jasper county, and there he is still living, devoting his attention to farming. He married Anna Eliza Murphy, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, October 22, 1861.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hallam, three sons and one daughter, of whom Eathel Laurence, of this review, is the oldest in order of birth; the others are, Mattie, Elwood and Samuel.

Eathel L. Hallam, of this review, received a good education, having attended school in four different parts of Jasper county and also in Madison county. He spent considerable time in Colorado and other parts of the West, returning to Jasper county in 1909, and in the spring of 1910 he located on his present farm, which he is rapidly improving and placing under a high state of cultivation. It is located in section 27 and consists of sixty acres.

Mr. Hallam was married on December 24, 1893, to Daisy Holt, who was born in Madison county, Iowa, November 11, 1884. She is the daughter of Edward and Leona (Elsherry) Holt, the latter born in Madison county, this state. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holt, four sons and three daughters, namely: Warner, Dora, Daisy (wife of Mr. Hallam), Ray, Jane, George and Val. To Mr. and Mrs. Hallam one child has been born, Joseph Laurence, whose birth occurred May 16, 1906. Politically, Mr. Hallam is independent, and he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### CHARLES S. BISHOP.

The occupation of farming to which the major part of the business life of Charles S. Bishop, one of the well known and popular citizens of Baxter, Jasper county, has been devoted is the oldest pursuit for a livelihood of mankind and the one in which he will ever be the most independent. His name has long been inseparably connected with the general growth of Jasper county, of which he is a native and where, in fact, he has spent most of his life. While primarily attending to his own varied interests, his life has been largely devoted to his fellow man, having been untiring in his efforts to inspire a proper respect for law and order and ready at all times to uplift humanity along civic and social lines.

Mr. Bishop was born in Newton township, Jasper county, Iowa, June

7, 1862. He is the son of Miles S. and Elizabeth (Morton) Bishop, the father born on July 5, 1828, and he died in Jasper county on April 12, 1870, and is buried in Newton. The mother was born at Fredonia, Ohio, November 1, 1838, and is residing at Newton. There were six children in the Bishop family, all living but one, named as follows: Mrs. Eva McIllece, born in Newton township, lives at Hastings, Nebraska; Charles S., of this sketch, and George M., the latter living in Scott county, Iowa, were twins; Delbert E., born July 20, 1866, is living in Des Moines; Mrs. Hattie Truman, born June 5, 1864, lives in Lemoyne, Ohio; Francelia, born March 30, 1854, died March 18, 1903, at Omaha, Nebraska. These children were born and reared in Jasper county.

Elizabeth Morton, mother of the subject of this sketch, was the daughter of Marcus A. and Lydia (Nicoll) Morton. Mr. Morton spent his life in Ohio and Indiana, and was buried at Valparaiso, in the latter state, on December 18, 1855, the mother dying in Newton, Iowa, October 14, 1860. She and her husband with their first living children started for Valparaiso, Indiana, at which place a brother was residing, leaving Ohio overland on October 1, 1855, arriving at Valparaiso in November of the same year. Here Mr. Morton was stricken and died on December 18th. The next fall, 1856, Mrs. Morton and children started for Iowa, arriving here on October 10th. She had purchased a farm five miles northeast of Newton. She remained in that town until June 10, 1857, then the family moved into a house at the College farm, and in the fall of the same year they moved to their own farm, which they developed and on which they made a good living, the place remaining in the family until October, 1901. Marcus A. Morton, the father, was a stone mason by trade, also kept a hotel for some time in Wood county, Ohio. He was of English descent, while his wife, Lydia Nicoll, was of Scotch extraction.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus A. Morton, named in order of birth as follows: George M., born at Granville, Ohio, November 7, 1830, is living at LeMoynne, Ohio; William W., born at Granville, Ohio, May 22, 1832, died at Newton, Iowa, May 20, 1901; Hiram N., born at Granville, Ohio, January 8, 1834, died at Winterset, Iowa; Sarah L., born at Granville, Ohio, December 18, 1836, lives at Horton, Kansas; Elizabeth, who married Miles S. Bishop, and who was the mother of the subject, was born at Fredonia, Ohio, November 1, 1838, and is residing at Newton, Iowa; Silas W., born April 21, 1840, at Fredonia, Ohio, died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 19, 1907; Lysander, born at Fredonia, Ohio, April 29, 1842, died in the city of his birth on October 22d of the same year; Lydia Ellen

Trussel, born at Fredonia, Ohio, December 9, 1843, died at Newton, Iowa, March 11, 1880; Julia E., born at Fredonia, Ohio, September 14, 1846, is living in Chicago; Martha H., born at Fredonia, Ohio, April 22, 1848, died at Council Bluffs, March 17, 1889.

Charles S. Bishop, the immediate subject of this sketch, began life as a farmer, continuing with his parents until eighteen years of age. In 1880 he went to Marshalltown and engaged in the sewing machine business, but in 1882 returned to his birthplace. The same year he drove a number of cattle across the wild prairies to Kossuth county, Illinois, for Judge Cook of Newton. After his marriage, in 1885, he lived on a farm in Logan township, Marshall county, Iowa, until the spring of 1888, when he went to Laramie City, Wyoming. Three weeks later he went to South Omaha, Nebraska, and entered the employ of the Omaha Packing Company, with whom he remained three years. He then returned to Newton and took up farm work for H. D. Parson. After his second marriage in April, 1891, Mr. Bishop lived with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Spicy Wyatt, until March, 1892, when he moved onto a farm four miles northwest of Baxter, which he had bought of Alfred Davy. He retired from farming September 1, 1906, and moved his family to Baxter, Jasper county, where he had purchased a comfortable home and here they have since resided. He is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Brule county, North Dakota. At present he is very ably discharging the duties of constable of Independence township.

Mr. Bishop was first married in Newton, Iowa, on March 28, 1885, to Annie L. Goodwin, who was born at Princeton, Scott county, Iowa, on November 14, 1862, and her death occurred in South Omaha, Nebraska, June 3, 1888. Two children were born to this union: Don E., born in Logan township, Marshall county, Iowa, December 29, 1885, lives at Metz, this state, where he is working for William Miller; Mrs. Bessie A. Brown, born in Logan township, Marshall county, on July 11, 1887, lives in Malaka township, Jasper county. On April 8, 1891, Mr. Bishop was again married to Jennie Wyatt, who was born in Jasper county on December 7, 1865. She was the daughter of Shelby and Spicy (Amos) Wyatt. The father, born on May 17, 1822, died in Jasper county on May 18, 1890; the mother was born on February 4, 1831, and her death occurred in Baxter on April 11, 1910. They were among the earliest settlers in Jasper county, having come here in 1847.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, of whom five are living, namely: Goldie, born June 7, 1892, died in Independence township, August 31, 1906; Ralph C., born September 10, 1894; Burl B., born June 24,

1900; Miles, born March 17, 1902; Morris, born July 4, 1903; Merl, born May 6, 1906. These children were all born, reared and educated in Independence township, this county. They are now attending the high school in Baxter.

Politically, Mr. Bishop is a Democrat and he has long been active in local public affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and he also belongs to the Yeomen of this place.

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#### CLIFTON DELANO NEWELL.

This is an age in which the farmer stands pre-eminently above any other class as a producer of wealth. He simply takes advantage of the winds, the warm air, the bright sunshine and the refreshing rains, and applying his own hands and skill to nature's gifts he creates grain, hay, live stock, etc., all of which are absolute necessities to the inhabitants of the world, for no matter what our vocations and avocations may be or where we may choose to maintain our home, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are depending upon the tiller of the soil and without him the entire human race would perish. It has been well said by one of our wisest men, "Burn down your cities and leave our farms and they will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy the farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city."

One of this large class of the world's benefactors is Clifton Delano Newell, of Kellogg township, Jasper county, who was born December 31, 1878, in Newton township. He is the son of George W. and Amanda (Brown) Newell, the father born in Knox county, Ohio, and the mother's birth also occurred in that county on August 11, 1848. They grew to maturity there, were educated and married in their home community and began life on the farm, in fact, have continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until the present time. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1878, locating in Newton township, living a year on a rented farm a mile northwest of the town of Newton, and they continued to live in that vicinity until 1892, when they moved to a farm three miles southeast of Newton, and there became very comfortably established.

To Mr. and Mrs. George W. Newell six children have been born, namely: Nora E., Clifton Delano, of this review; Bessie H., Baxter E., Clayton Elmer and George Martin.

The immediate subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Jasper county

and attended the public schools, attending high school at Newton for three years. After leaving the school room he took up farming with his father, on the shares, thus working until 1909, when, having gotten a good start, he purchased the one-hundred-and-forty-acre farm on which he now lives, eighty acres of which is located in section 32, Kellogg township, and sixty-eight acres in section 5, Buena Vista township. Until recently he owned three hundred and twenty acres in South Dakota, which he has now disposed of. His home place has been well improved and is very skillfully managed, and he carries on general farming and stock raising in a successful manner, making a specialty of breeding an excellent grade of stock.

Mr. Newell was married on January 3, 1909, to Christine Paulson, who was born in Kellogg township, this county, September 3, 1878, the daughter of Hans M. and Pauline (Tygersyn) Paulson, both born in Denmark. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living, namely: Helena Marie, Nelse R., Christine, wife of Mr. Newell of this review; Lena, Andrew, Catherine is deceased; Charley Martin, Henry is deceased, and one child died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Newell is independent, and he belongs to the Methodist church.

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#### FRED CHRISTENSON.

Jasper county can boast of few more progressive and successful farmers among its younger class of tillers of the soil than Fred Christenson, of Rock Creek township, and as a citizen he is intelligent and enterprising, combining within himself those sterling qualities of manhood that make not only a useful member of society, but a leader in whatever he undertakes. As his name would indicate, he is of Danish blood, being of the second generation in this country, and he evidently possesses many of the winning characteristics of the Danes, such as courage, persistence and fortitude, consequently he has admirably succeeded in the face of obstacles.

Fred Christenson was born in Jasper county, Iowa, December 4, 1881, and he is the son of Hans and Mary (Nelson) Christenson, both born in Denmark. There they spent the earlier years of their lives, emigrating to America when young and they are now living retired in Kellogg township, this county, where they have a good home. Their family consists of five children, two sons and three daughters, namely: Ella, Carrie, Fred of this review, and Anna.

Fred Christenson grew to maturity on the home farm here and received a good education in the public schools of Jasper county. After leaving school he worked two years in Kellogg for the Farmers Elevator Company, locating on his present farm in the spring of 1910. His place consists of two hundred and twenty acres of very productive land, well improved and on which he is carrying on very successfully general farming and stock raising. This farm is well located in the southwestern corner of Rock Creek township.

Mr. Christenson was married on September 23, 1908, to Mary Anderson, who was born in Kellogg, this county, February 10, 1881, the daughter of Peter and Tina (Nelson) Anderson. Mrs. Christenson is the oldest of a family of nine children, the others being Hannah, Alfred, Martha, Nelse, David, Sarah, Harry and Mabel.

Politically, Mr. Christenson is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Woodmen lodge and the Methodist church. Considering the splendid start he has so early in life, the future will doubtless find him one of the leading agriculturists of Jasper county.

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#### RAY TIFFANY.

One of the industrious and promising young men of the locality of which this history deals is Ray Tiffany, who has fully appreciated present-day conditions and has profited by his ingenuity and persistency in the business to which he has given his close attention, as a result of the favorable agricultural and stock raising conditions existing in this favored section of the great Hawkeye commonwealth. He is a successful breeder of shire draft horses and Duroc Jersey hogs. Ray and Clara Tiffany are the owners of a fine five-passenger touring car, which they and their daughter, Myrtle May, greatly enjoy.

Mr. Tiffany was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, on July 31, 1888. There he grew to manhood, received his education in the common schools and has always identified himself with the agricultural interests of his home community. He is the son of Fremont L. and Mary Ella (Stock) Tiffany, both natives of this township and each representing old and highly honored families of the county, the Tiffanys and Stocks having come here when this was a wild, uncultivated prairie, overrun by coyotes, wolves and other kindreds of the wild. The subject's paternal grandparents were Sylvester and Esther (Campbell) Tiffany, who emigrated here from the East in

1849, he going on to the Pacific coast gold fields soon afterwards, but returned in about five years and spent the balance of his life here, dying at a very advanced age. His wife also died in this community.

Fremont L. Tiffany spent his youth on the home farm and still lives on a portion of the same, which he has kept well cultivated and is one of the best known farmers of Clear Creek township.

There were five children in the Tiffany family, named as follows: Clara V., born March 23, 1882, was graduated from the high school at Colfax, later from Drake University at Des Moines, and she is now at home with her parents; Carl, born May 9, 1884, is living on a farm near the village of Clyde, this county; Emma Alta, born May 21, 1886, died in the Methodist hospital at Des Moines, where she was employed as professional nurse; Ray, the subject of this review; Joseph Sylvester, born January 25, 1897, is living at home.

Ray Tiffany was married on February 22, 1907, to Clara A. Skinner, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, June 26, 1889, and there she grew to womanhood and was educated in the local schools. She is the daughter of Hon. Herbert K. and Mary A. (Edwards) Skinner, the father born in Lawrence county, New York, April 2, 1849, and the latter born in Jasper county, Iowa, on March 29, 1855. To this union eight children were born, five of whom are living, namely: Elsie M. died in early life, as did also George M.; Charles H., born May 2, 1883, lives in Clear Creek township; Mrs. Bertha H. Borts, born May 20, 1885, lives on the old Skinner homestead in Clear Creek township; Clara A., wife of Mr. Tiffany, of this sketch; Arthur L., born December 6, 1892, lives with his parents; Lena, born June 4, 1896, at home; Howard Otis, born March 12, 1899, died March 24th of the same year.

Herbert K. Skinner has been successful as a business man and is the owner of over five hundred acres of valuable land, mostly in Jasper county and some in Texas. He has long taken an abiding interest in political affairs and is a leader in his party, having held a number of local offices and he is now ably representing his county in the state legislature.

To Ray Tiffany and wife one daughter has been born, Myrtle May, whose birth occurred on June 2, 1908.

Mr. Tiffany is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation. His land lies in Collins township, three miles east of Collins, Story county. They have a competency and, being people of correct ideals, they

have not reached that period, as have many, when money getting interferes with their mental edification and the progress of their better natures. Politically, Mr. Tiffany is a Republican.

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### MATTHEW BROWN.

Among the most prominent of the young business men of Newton and Jasper county, the name of Matthew Brown stands. But thirty years of age, he is at the head of one of Jasper county's most important industries. He was born April 2, 1880, in Jasper county, and is the son of William and —— (Boyd) Brown, both natives of Scotland, his parents having married there and come to America in 1863. From New York, their landing place, they went to Maryland for a short time, the father working in the coal mines of that state, but they soon left Maryland for Jasper county, Iowa. Landing in Jasper county, the father began farming. The farm he purchased was one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land, but Mr. Brown set resolutely to work clearing it and improving it, building a good brick house thereon. He remained upon this farm until his death, which occurred in June, 1906. Mr. Brown was a tireless worker and a man of public spirit. He raised much fine stock and was a member of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association. Few men were better or more favorably known in Jasper county. The mother of the subject of this sketch died while living upon the farm.

Mr. Brown, the subject of this review, is one of six children, all living, as follows: Mrs. Agnes McAllister, wife of David McAllister, of Jasper county; Jennie Johnson, wife of David Johnson, a farmer residing at Mt. Ayer, Iowa; Mary Shields, wife of Delmer Shields, a motorman of Des Moines, Iowa; Clara French, wife of Vernon French, a farmer in Jasper county; Robert B., a farmer residing in Jasper county; and Mr. Brown, the subject of this sketch.

Matthew Brown was married May 27, 1903, to Maud E. Gilford, daughter of John and Ann Gilford, both natives of Jasper county, and residing in the county at this writing. Mrs. Brown has the following brothers and sisters: William, residing in Spokane, Washington; Frank, residing in Sisters, Nebraska; Ella Evans, wife of William Evans, Greeley, Colorado; Charles, of Holton, Washington; Mr. Pearl, residing at Brainard, Minnesota; Maud E., wife of the subject, born May 8, 1884; Harry, of Glenwood, Iowa.

Mrs. Brown is an entertaining woman of intelligence and culture. She

is a member of the First Christian church of Newton and of the Ladies Aid and C. W. B. M. societies of that church.

Mr. Brown, after conducting a general blacksmithing business for eight years, purchased the Newton Tile Works, which factory he has successfully operated for five years, manufacturing first class drain tile of all sizes up to and including eight-inch, his factory being the only one in Newton making tile. Few young men are so well known in the county as this young manufacturer, as he is one of the most enterprising of the county's many business men.

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#### EPHRAIM C. BATTLES.

One of the most up-to-date agriculturists of the northwestern portion of Jasper county is Ephraim C. Battles, of Clear Creek township. Mr. Battles has always followed farming for a livelihood and he is regarded as an enterprising and typical tiller of the soil of the present day. His thorough system of tillage, the good order of his fences, the well-cared-for condition of his fields, the commodious and comfortable buildings, all demonstrate his successful management and substantial thrift. During the past decade he has lived on the farm which he now owns and the years of his residence in this community have won for him a very high place in the confidence and esteem of his many neighbors and friends. In every relation of life he has always been regarded as a representative citizen, discharging every duty devolving upon him with commendable fidelity and proving himself worthy the large measure of respect with which he is treated by all who know him, and that embraces much of the population of both Jasper and Polk counties, this state, as well as other sections of the country.

Mr. Battles was born in Polk county, Iowa, on February 18, 1876, and there he grew to manhood and received his educational training, started in life as a farmer and continued to reside there until February, 1902, when he moved to Jasper county. He is the son of Hiram and Susan E. (Lacey) Battles, the father born in Ohio on August 24, 1838, and the mother was born in Tennessee on January 25, 1846. They grew up and were married in the East, coming to Iowa in pioneer days and became well established in Polk county where the father spent the rest of his life, dying on September 17, 1892. The mother is now living in Mitchellville, this state.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Battles thirteen children were born, twelve of whom are living, named as follows: Isaac S., born in Hamilton county,



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Iowa, August 21, 1867, is living at Santiago, Polk county; Etta, born in Jasper county, Iowa, on December 10, 1868, lives at Mitchellville; Mrs. Bertha Williams, born August 24, 1871, lives at Farrar, Polk county; Delmer, born February 28, 1873, also lives at Farrar; Calla, born November 12, 1874, died August 24, 1875; Ephraim C., of this sketch; Fred, born November 25, 1877, lives in Ira, this county; Edward B., born September 1, 1879, lives at Farrar, Polk county; Mrs. Ella Baldwin, born October 10, 1881, lives at Mingo, this county; Dora Hilker, born August 16, 1883, lives in Polk county; Leroy H., born August 28, 1885, lives at Mitchellville; Asa W., born January 8, 1888, is residing at Pineville, Oregon; Lloyd C., born August 15, 1890, lives at Mitchellville. This family was reared in Polk county.

Ephraim C. Battles located in Clear Creek township when he came to Jasper county early in the year 1902. Here he began farming on rented land, then purchased the old Byal place, containing two hundred acres of choice land, which he still retains and which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, until today it is regarded as one of the best farms in this part of the county. Mr. Battles purchased this place in 1909. He has a pleasant home and good outbuildings and he always keeps an excellent grade of live stock.

Mr. Battles was married on August 30, 1890, to Mary E. Baldwin, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, December 26, 1876, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education in the common schools. She is the daughter of Daniel F. and Frances (McClannahan) Baldwin, the father born in Pennsylvania on May 1, 1853, and the mother in Iowa, on October 1, 1856. They reside in Mingo, this county, where they have a comfortable home and are well known.

To Daniel F. Baldwin and wife twelve children were born, eleven of whom are living, named as follows: Charles Edward, born March 28, 1874, lives in Montana; Mary E., wife of Mr. Battles, of this review; Frank Elmer, born December 26, 1877, lives at Mingo; Mrs. Gertie Ellen Sammon, born July 12, 1879, lives in Denver, Colorado; Mertie Elizabeth, a twin sister of the last named (Mrs. Sammon), died in infancy; Mrs. Bertha Elizabeth Miller, born May 13, 1884, lives in Mitchellville, Iowa; Jacob Frederick, born January 11, 1887, lives in Jasper county; Mrs. Florence Longnecker, born December 16, 1889, is a resident of Mingo; Roy Wesley, born November 4, 1893; Irvin J., born June 12, 1896; Vera born August 2, 1898; Ruby, born February 2, 1900, all live at Mingo, Jasper county. This family was reared and educated in this county.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Battles: Pearl, born September 23, 1897; Ethel and Edna, twins, born January 23, 1899, the latter dying on August 30th of the same year; Finley Austin, born May 18, 1904; Coral, born July 25, 1906; Charley Lacey, born December 11, 1907. These children are attending school in their home district.

Politically, Mr. Battles is a Democrat and, fraternally, he belongs to Mingo Lodge No. 174, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Mingo, and he and Mrs. Battles belong to the Rebekah lodge of Mingo, and they also hold membership with the Yeomen lodge of Ira. He belongs to the encampment of that place and she is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps there.

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#### CARL TIFFANY.

This sterling young man is the owner of one of the choice farms in the locality of which this history treats and he is favorably looked upon as an upright and honest man, as well as an industrious agriculturist whose success is well deserved.

Carl Tiffany was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, on May 9, 1884. He grew to manhood here and has always been identified with the farming interests of the community and he received his education in the local schools. He represents one of the oldest families of the northwestern part of Jasper county, members of which have been active in the general development of the same for some three generations, the Tiffanys having ever stood for progressive citizenship wherever they have located.

The subject is the son of Fremont L. and Mary Ella (Stock) Tiffany, both natives of Clear Creek township, this county, each representatives of early families. The paternal grandfather, Sylvester Tiffany, emigrated to Jasper county in 1849 and that year joined the famous band of gold seekers in California, returning here in 1855, where he remained until his death, in 1910, at an advanced age, having outlived his wife, Esther Campbell, twenty years and more, her death having occurred at Colfax in 1889. The father of the subject grew up on the farm here and worked hard when a boy in the new country. He married Mary E. Stock upon reaching manhood and to them five children were born, namely: Clara V., who was born in 1882, received an excellent education at the Colfax high school and Drake University and is living at home with her parents on the farm; Emma Alta, born in 1886, became a professional nurse and died in the Methodist hospital

in Des Moines, in which she was employed; Ray is living in Collins township, Story county; Joseph Sylvester, born in 1897, is at home; Carl, of this review.

Fremont L. Tiffany owns the old homestead in Clear Creek township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres; the place originally consisted of three hundred and sixty acres. He has been successful as a general farmer, and is one of the influential men of his community. For a full history of the Tiffany family the reader is referred to the sketch of the subject's father appearing elsewhere in this work.

Carl Tiffany was married March 9, 1904, to Susan Mae Patterson, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on December 21, 1879. Her parents, Gillian F. and Sarah Ann (Logsdon) Patterson, were early settlers of Jasper county; they were both natives of Kentucky, in which state they spent their early lives. The father enlisted for service in the Union army from Illinois. These parents now reside in Sherman township, Jasper county.

The Patterson family consisted of twelve children, eleven of whom are living, namely: Edward lives near Baxter; Mrs. Ariminda Spencer lives at Weeping Water, Nebraska; William also lives in Nebraska; Leander lives in Delta, Iowa; John lives near Newton, this state; James lives in Newton; Thomas lives in South Dakota; David lives in Weeping Water, Nebraska; Susan Mae, wife of Mr. Tiffany, of this sketch; George lives at home with his parents in Sherman township; Mrs. Julia Hurst is deceased; Alexander lives at Clyde, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tiffany have been born one son and one daughter, Harold Carl, born April 17, 1907, and Sarah Mae, born February 23, 1910. They were both born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county.

Politically, Mr. Tiffany is a Republican. He is secretary of the board of education in his home district. He is the owner of an excellent farm in Clear Creek township, which he has placed under good improvements and by thrift and good management has secured a competency. He has many of the modern conveniences and luxuries, including an automobile.

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#### HENRY H. MAGGARD.

Among those persons who have by virtue of their strong individual qualities earned their way to a high standing in the estimation of their fellow citizens, having by sheer force of character and persistency won their way from an humble beginning to a place of influence and prominence in the com-

munity where they are active in industrial affairs. Henry H. Maggard, well known business man and public-spirited citizen of Baxter, Jasper county, is entitled to specific mention in a volume of this character, partly because of his praiseworthy efforts in promoting the general upbuilding of his locality, partly because he is the scion of a well known old pioneer family and partly owing to the fact that his entire life has been spent on his native prairies.

Mr. Maggard was born in Clear Creek township, this county, August 26, 1862. He grew to manhood in this community, assisted with the general work about the home place and was educated in the local schools, and he has identified himself with various enterprises during his long residence. As stated, this family was among the earliest settlers in the county. His father, Adam Maggard, was born in Ohio and died at Colfax, Iowa. He married Eliza Cuthbert, who was born in England and who is now residing in Clear Creek township, this county. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Maggard, namely: George lives in Clear Creek township; Henry H., of this review; Mary Neal, who lives at Adel, Iowa; Charles lives in Canada; William lives at Ira; Sarah Jane, deceased; Laura Marks, who lives in Missouri; Walter lives in Washington. These children were all born and reared in Clear Creek township.

Upon leaving the farm, Henry H. Maggard moved to Baxter and for twelve years engaged in the draying business. Later he successfully operated a grocery store and restaurant for some time.

Mr. Maggard was married on November 30, 1887, to Harriet Sayers, who was born at Elmwood, Peoria county, Illinois, July 22, 1869, the daughter of Matthias and Mary (Robey) Sayers. The father, who was born in Ohio, is now deceased; her mother was born in Maryland and is now residing in Tampa, Florida. Children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayers as follows: Addie, deceased; Harriet, wife of Mr. Maggard, of this sketch; Mrs. Hiler, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Hannah is deceased; Emma is also deceased; James and Laura Ramey live at Tampa, Florida, with their mother.

One child, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Maggard on March 17, 1891, and died in April, 1892.

Mrs. Maggard has conducted a millinery store at Baxter for a number of years, which is patronized by hundreds of patrons from all over this part of the county, for here is always to be found a large, up-to-date and carefully selected stock of goods, tastily displayed and prices are always right. Mr. and Mrs. Maggard have worked hard and by thrift and economy have laid by a competency. Mr. Maggard is at present caring for the city's gas plant, besides his official duties as marshal, street commissioner and constable,

the duties of which public positions he is discharging in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability and to the entire satisfaction of the people. He has also been a member of the town council. They own a substantial and neatly furnished home in Baxter, besides a business house. Mr. Maggard has always taken a deep interest in the development of the little city and has been found active in all that pertains to the best interests of the public. He is a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, and has held chairs in the same.

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#### FRED HAGER.

Upon the roll of representative citizens and prominent and influential business men of Jasper county consistently appears the name of Fred Hager, the able president of the State Savings Bank of Baxter. He is one of those sturdy spirits who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the locality in which he resides, representing that class of earnest, foreign-born citizens who have done so much for the development of the United States, while at the same time they have benefited themselves in a very material manner. He has been a resident of Independence township for many years, during which time he has gradually won his way into the affections of the people, for he possesses those sterling qualities of character which commend themselves to persons of intelligence and the highest morality, so it is no wonder that he has achieved so high a position in the general estimation of all who have come in touch with him.

Mr. Hager was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, on November 20, 1864, and there he grew to maturity and attended the common schools. Leaving his native land in 1882, he emigrated to free America, landing on our shores, "a youth to fortune and to fame unknown." He came directly to Jasper county, Iowa, and has been a resident here ever since, taking an active and important interest in the development of the same, which has been noteworthy and remarkable, considering the fact that it was not so very many years ago that this locality was a wild plain. Mr. Hager's rise has been rapid, as the steps from a farm laborer to bank president forcibly illustrate; this, too, secured through avenues of industry and integrity is the highest tribute that can be paid to him by his fellow men. He is the son of Herman and Sophia (Stock) Hager, both born, reared, educated and married in Germany, and there the father died, the mother being still a resident of the province of her nativity. They were the parents of five children, namely: Herman is

living in Germany; Fred, of this review; Lena Stoelting and Minnie Einsmeyer both live in Germany; August lives in Baxter, Iowa.

Mr. Hager, of this review, was married on December 7, 1899, to Clara Harre, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa. She is a lady of many praiseworthy qualities and has long been a social favorite. She is the daughter of Fred and Wilhelmina (Mierkert) Harre, a prominent pioneer family of Jasper county, the father being now deceased, but the mother is living in Baxter, Iowa. Their family consisted of eight children, all of whom are still living; they are, Mrs. Kracht, of Baxter, this county; Fred lives near Kearney, Nebraska; Paulina Geise, of Malaka township; Otto lives in Marshall county; Albert is agent of the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company at Waverly, Iowa; Mattie Kanne lives in Malaka township; Clara, wife of Mr. Hager, of this review; William lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Hager came to Baxter, Iowa, in 1882 and was for some time employed by his cousins, the Hager Brothers, as a farm hand. By industry and economy he was, after some time, enabled to start in business for himself, and, by close application and wise discretion, coupled with untiring energy and rare discernment he prospered continuously. He finally entered the banking business, in which he showed such aptitude that he was honored with the vice-presidency of the State Savings Bank at Baxter, upon the reorganization of which he was chosen president, which position he continues to hold in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability and to the entire satisfaction of the stockholders and the patrons of the bank. It is safe to say that the widespread popularity and growing prosperity of this well known, safe and sound institution has been due in no small degree to his ability as a financier and his scrupulous honesty in every relation of life. The capital stock of this bank is thirty thousand dollars and the surplus for 1911 will amount to ten thousand dollars. The corporation owns two buildings in Baxter and the present home of the institution is modern, substantial, convenient and equipped in an up-to-date manner.

Besides his interest in this bank, Mr. Hager is the owner of six hundred and forty acres near Garnduff, Saskatchewan, Canada, also one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Douglas county, Washington, and one hundred and sixty acres in Chaves county, New Mexico. He owns a commodious and beautiful home in Baxter.

Politically, Mr. Hager is a Democrat. He has been a member of the town council for two terms and township clerk for four years, also township trustee for three years. His bank is custodian of the school, township and road funds. Many a poor young man has been assisted through Mr. Hager's

largeness of heart, for, having once been a poor boy himself, he has a great deal of sympathy for those worthy youths who need assistance at the threshold of life. Personally, he is a genial, companionable and public-spirited gentleman, whom to know is to admire and respect. He and his wife are worthy members and liberal supporters of the German Reformed church. They have no children, but have not withheld their aid and encouragement from the children of their neighbors and friends, and as a result of their many estimable qualities of head and heart they are held in high esteem by all who know them.

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#### COMMODORE P. KINTZ.

It would indeed be hard to find in the annals of Jasper county a name worthier or better known than that of the sterling pioneer, the late Commodore P. Kintz. If great and beneficial results, results that endure and bless mankind, are the proper measure of the good men do, then who is there in the history of this or any locality that may take their places above the hardy pioneers? To point out the way, to make possible our present advancing civilization, its happy homes, its education, literature, culture and social joy, is to be the truly great benefactors of mankind for all time. This was the great work accomplished by the early settlers, and it is granted by all that they builded wiser than they knew. Admit that as a rule but few ever realized in the dimmest way the transcendant possibilities that rested upon their shoulders, realizing but little the results that ultimately crowned their efforts; yet there exists the supreme fact that they followed their restless impulses, took their lives in their hands, penetrated the wilderness and with a patient energy, resolution and self-sacrifice that stands alone and unparalleled, they worked out their allotted tasks, accomplished their destinies and today their descendants and others enjoy undisturbed the fruitage of their labors. Mr. Kintz, being prominent among the honored pioneer element in the locality of which this history treats, achieved an incalculable amount of good, for he not only did what he could in the material development of the community, but he set an example for industry, integrity, unfailing honesty and kindness that is not frequently surpassed.

Mr. Kintz was born in Summit county, Ohio, December 1, 1841, the son of Joseph and Mary (Walkerburger) Kintz, the father born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1813, and the mother's birth also occurred in that state on May 2, 1812. They grew up and were married in their native

state, and they emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, before it was surveyed, settling seventeen and one-half miles from their nearest neighbor, having driven horses from Ohio to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where they were exchanged for oxen. They made their entry into Jasper county in 1845 and entered one thousand acres of land from the government near the present village of Clyde and here they set to work establishing a new home, underwent all the hardships incident to pioneer life, but with courage and perseverance they set about the task and succeeded, finally becoming leading farmers of the county and here they spent the balance of their lives, both being now deceased. There were five children in their family, as follows: John W., who lives at Colfax, this county; Commodore P., of this review; Mrs. Sarah Signs, now deceased; Mrs. Rebecca Buttinger, of Clear Creek township, Jasper county; Susan lives at Colfax.

Mr. Kintz, of this sketch, was four years old when his parents brought him to this county. Here he grew to manhood, assisted with the work of developing the homestead and here he was content to spend his life. When the great Civil war began he offered his services to the Federal government, enlisting at Clyde, this county, in August, 1862, in the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he made a very faithful soldier in the Western army, from which he was honorably discharged, he having been practically incapacitated for service, having been attacked with measles, later contracting a severe cold. He at once returned home and resumed farming as soon as able.

Mr. Kintz was married on October 7, 1863, to Mary Ann Thompson, who was born in Ohio, April 4, 1844, the daughter of William and Margaret (Morehead) Thompson, a prominent family who came to Jasper county, Iowa, in early days and became well established there. There were eleven children in the Thompson family.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kintz, six of whom are living at this writing, all born in Clear Creek township; they were named as follows: Mrs. Margaret Cool, born July 10, 1864, lives at Baxter, Iowa; Mrs. Sallie Downs, born October 10, 1866, lives in Clear Creek township; Joseph W., born October 1, 1868, died at Fort Dodge, Iowa; Laura D., born October 24, 1870, died when nine years of age, in October, 1879; Mary E., born January 10, 1872, is deceased; Mrs. Alta Gingles, born February 16, 1874, lives at the village of Collins, this county; Charles, born March 1, 1877, lives on the old home farm in Clear Creek township; Pearl M., born July 16, 1879, is deceased; Mrs. Myrtie M. Shryock, born July 16, 1879, lives at Baxter, Iowa; Carl C. and Cloe A., twins, were born November 8, 1882, both dying in August the following year, the son on the 16th and the daughter

on the 19th; Oley A., born July 27, 1885, was graduated from Drake University and is at present living in Des Moines.

In 1888 Mr. Kintz moved from the farm and turned his attention to the hotel business, first at Collins, then Rhodes, continuing thus until 1900.

Mr. Kintz was very successful in a business way and accumulated some splendid property and a competency, his estate, including a business house in Colfax, also one in Collins, together with a large, substantial and well furnished home in the latter town, and two hundred and seventy acres of choice, well improved and productive land in Clear Creek township, this county, also valuable land in South Dakota. In the early days the newcomers made the Kintz home their stopping place until they could locate and this name was one of the best known in this and adjoining counties.

The death of Commodore P. Kintz occurred on April 5, 1908, at his beautiful home in Collins, where Mrs. Kintz still resides. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church here, and he belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the local lodge conducting his funeral, which was one of the largest this part of the county ever saw, for he was popular with all classes, having been a kindly, generous, honest and hospitable gentleman who believed in scattering sunshine about him as he went through life.

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#### J. W. THOMPSON.

Among the successful agriculturists and stock men of Jasper county whose efforts and influence have contributed to the material upbuilding and general business activity of their respective communities, J. W. Thompson, of the vicinity of Collins, Clear Creek township, occupies a conspicuous place. Early in his career he realized the fact that practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails of success; that it carries a man onward and upward, brings out his individual character and acts as a powerful stimulus to the efforts of others; that the greatest results in life are often attained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance; that the every-day life, with its cares, necessities and duties, affords ample opportunities for acquiring experience of the best kind and its most beaten paths provide a true worker with abundant scope for effort and improvement, consequently Mr. Thompson has ever been alert to seize the small opportunities that he has encountered on the rugged hill that leads to life's better things.

Mr. Thompson was born in Collins township, Story county, Iowa, November 25, 1866, but nearly all his life has been spent on the fine farm which he now occupies in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, whither his parents, Samuel and Catherine H. (Deeter) Thompson, brought him when he was a child, this family being one of the earliest to settle in this township, in 1855. Owing to the prominence of these parents here and in Marshall county, where the elder Thompson now resides, the biographer deems it best to devote some space here to them, before continuing with the immediate subject.

Samuel Thompson, farmer of State Center township, Marshall county, was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1830. When ten years old he moved to Wayne county, Ohio, and remained there until 1851, in which year he removed to Jasper county, Iowa, and has made this section of the Hawkeye state his home ever since, living to see the wonderful development of the same from the wild prairie to one of the richest agricultural sections in the Union, and he has taken no small part in this development. William Thompson, his father, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and he came to Iowa in an early day and died here. He was a member of the famous band of "forty-niners" who crossed the great Western plains in search of gold in California. The mother of Samuel Thompson was known in her maidenhood as Margaret Morehead, who was born in Pennsylvania and who died in Iowa. To William Thompson and wife there were born nine children, namely: Mrs. Nancy Jones, deceased; James died in Des Moines; Samuel, father of J. W., the subject of this review; Mrs. Sarah Parker died in 1910; Joseph lives in Nebraska; Mrs. Margaret Taggart died in Ohio; John lives at Collins, Iowa; William lives in California; Mary Ann married Commodore P. Kintz, he being now deceased, and she is living on a farm in Clear Creek township, Jasper county.

Samuel Thompson was married in 1852 to Harriet Deeter, who died in 1853, and he was subsequently married to a sister of his first wife, Catherine H. Deeter, who was born in 1833 and whose death occurred at Rhodes, Iowa. By the first union one child, Mrs. Margaret Ellen Dodd, was born November 10, 1852, and she is residing in Jasper county. To the second union eleven children were born, named as follows: Mrs. Mary Alvia Norris, living at Valley Junction, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Capron, who was born March 1, 1861, died July 14, 1900; Samuel lives in Mapleton, Kansas; Mrs. Lillie Walker is deceased; Mrs. Jennie Signs is a resident of Olathe, Kansas; Mr. Rose Hand lives near Colo, Iowa; Mrs. Sadie Corbett lives in State Center, Iowa; John W., subject of this review; a son died in infancy.

Samuel Thompson is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and

eleven acres in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, but being retired from active life he is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Corbett, of State Center, Iowa. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company F, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Newton, and he served for two years and eight months in the Army of the Potomac under Gen. A. J. Garrett, of Newton, seeing much service, including the battle of Wilson's Creek, and he was wounded at Brownsville, Tennessee. Politically, he is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church at Rhodes. He belongs to the Van Pelt Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at State Center; also belongs to Eden Lodge No. 460, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Rhodes. He talks interestingly of the pioneer days and of his experiences in coming overland from Findlay, Hancock county, Ohio, before the days of railroads in Iowa, and also of his trip in wagons to Pike's Peak, Colorado, in 1860.

John W. Thompson, the immediate subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in Clear Creek township and was educated in the public schools there, and with the exception of three years spent in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, having homesteaded in the last named state, and three years spent in the hardware business in Rhodes, Iowa, he has been identified with the agricultural interests of this community all his mature years, having been very successful in this line of endeavor. He farms two hundred and eleven acres of the old homestead in Clear Creek township in a manner that stamps him as a progressive twentieth-century farmer, having kept the old place well improved and well tilled, carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Texas. He has a modern and well furnished home. He has always taken a deep interest in local affairs. Politically, he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the town council of Rhodes. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 2358, of Collins.

On November 28, 1894, Mr. Thompson was married to Linnie Snook, who was born in Collins township, Story county, Iowa, March 7, 1873, the daughter of William and Sarah (Fisher) Snook. The father, who was a native of Maryland, died in Illinois, May 31, 1869, at the age of seventy-four years; the mother was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1838, and her death occurred on November 15, 1902.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snook, and were reared in Story county, all still living, namely: Mrs. Lottie Trauger is living at Whiting, Iowa; James lives in Kansas; Mrs. Mary Hampton lives in Nebraska; Ed. lives in Washington; William lives in Illinois; George is a resident of Ames, Iowa; Linnie, wife of Mr. Thompson, of this review, is the youngest.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, namely: Vilda, born August 13, 1895, is attending high school at Collins; Loveda, born July 27, 1899; John, born in Rhodes, August 10, 1905; Jessie, born December 6, 1907; all but John were born in Clear Creek township.

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#### GEORGE LONG.

Specific mention is made of many of the worthy citizens of Jasper county within the pages of this book, citizens who have figured in the growth and development of this favored locality and whose interests are identified with its every phase of progress, each contributing in his sphere of action to the well being of the community in which he resides and to the advancement of its normal and legitimate growth. Among this number is he whose name appears above, peculiar interest attaching to his career from the fact that most of his busy and useful life has been spent within the borders of this county, which has been the arena of his activities for a period of forty-four years, or during the active period of the great development of this locality, in which he has played no inconspicuous part.

George Long, one of the progressive farmers of Clear Creek township, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, April 3, 1854, and there he spent his early boyhood, coming with his parents to Jasper county in 1867 and he has been a continuous resident here since, having attended the local schools and began working on the home place when but a boy. His parents, John and Lucy (Smith) Long, came to Iowa fifty-five years ago when the state was new. They were natives of Canada, the father's birth occurring there on March 29, 1825, and he died on March 30, 1907. The mother died many years before, in February, 1868, at the age of thirty-four. Their family consisted of six children, all sons, named as follows: George, of this review; Charles, born November 20, 1856, is living in Walla Walla, Washington; John W., born March 7, 1860, lives in Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa; Frank, born March 29, 1862, lives in Independence township, Jasper county; Wilson, born in 1864, is living in Idaho; Albert, born in April, 1869, lives in Des Moines, Iowa. John Long, the father, was twice married, and the following children were born of the second union: Bessie, Josie, Amanda, Bert, Alonzo, Jonah, Anjie and Otis.

George Long, of this sketch, was married in December, 1876, to Phoebe Jane Miller, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, May 24,

1857, and here she grew to womanhood, received her schooling and has always resided in this community. She is the daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Kintz) Miller. The father enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war and was killed during the service. The mother, who was born in Summit county, Ohio, is living in Clear Creek township, this county, of which her father, Joseph Kintz, was among the first settlers. There were six children in the family, four of whom are living.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Long, five of whom are deceased. They were named: Clarence D., born May 11, 1877, is living in Independence township, this county; Quincy, born October 27, 1879, died on November 29th of the same year; Mrs. Pearl Hardenburgh, born in April, 1880, lives in Independence township; Mrs. Lillie Tramel, born March 12, 1882, lives in Clear Creek township; James Carl, born September 13, 1883, is assisting his father with the work on the home farm; Stella, born June 18, 1885, died November 3d of the same year; Charles died in infancy, as did also Fred, and the youngest, unnamed.

Mr. Long has met with success as a general farmer and stock man, and he is the owner of an excellent and well improved farm of one hundred and forty acres in Clear Creek township, which he has kept in first-class shape, and he has a cozy home, modernly furnished.

The son, James C. Long, mentioned above, married Osee Hardenburgh, a daughter of one of the old settlers of Jasper county, and their children are Virgil Vernon, born January 12, 1908, and George Harlan, born April 3, 1910.

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#### CHARLES E. KINTZ.

One of the enterprising young farmers and stock men of Clear Creek township is Charles E. Kintz, who has been content to spend his life in his native community, rightly deciding that this favored section of the great Hawkeye state held as good if not better opportunities than any other in the Union. He is the representative of one of the old and well known families of Jasper county, members of which have figured more or less prominently in local affairs from the pioneer days and his record shows that he has been careful to keep untarnished the honored family name.

Mr. Kintz was born in the township and on the farm where he now resides on March 1, 1877, his paternal grandfather, Joseph Kintz, having been the first settler in Clear Creek township and, as intimated, from that time

to this this family has been well known here. He is the son of Commodore P. and Mary Ann (Thompson) Kintz, the father born in Summit county, Ohio, December 1, 1841, and the mother's birth occurred in Ohio on April 4, 1844. The father came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1845 with his parents, Joseph and Mary (Walkerburger) Kintz, both natives of Pennsylvania. This family came to Jasper county, Iowa, before it was surveyed and here began life in true pioneer style, seventeen miles from their nearest neighbor, the grandfather entering one thousand acres near Clyde and there resided until his death. There were five children in his family, John W., Commodore P., Sarah Signs, Rebecca Buttiner and Susan.

The father of the subject was reared on the farm here and when the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and went to the front in the Western army, from which he was later discharged on account of disability. He was married on October 7, 1863, to Mary Ann Thompson, she being one of a family of eleven children.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Commodore P. Kintz, named as follows: Margaret Cool, born July 10, 1864, lives in Baxter; Sallie Downs, born October 10, 1866, of Clear Creek township; Joseph W., born October 1, 1868, is deceased; Laura D., born October 24, 1870, is deceased; Mary E., born January 10, 1872, is deceased; Alta Gingles, born February 16, 1874, of Collins, Iowa; Charles E., of this review; Pearl M., born July 10, 1879; Mertie M. Shryock, born July 16, 1879, of Baxter; Carl C. and Cloe A., born November 8, 1882, were twins and are both deceased; Oley A., born July 27, 1885, lives in Des Moines.

Commodore P. Kintz became well established here and was the owner of considerable valuable property, including business places in Colfax and Collins and two hundred and seventy acres of choice land in Clear Creek township. His death occurred in the town of Collins on April 5, 1908, and his widow still lives in Collins.

Charles E. Kintz, of this review, grew up on the home farm and was educated in the local schools, and with the exception of a few years spent in Minnesota and a short time in Dakota he has made the immediate vicinity of his birth his home.

Mr. Kintz was united in marriage on October 20, 1902, to Edith Selburg, who was born in Gibson City, Ford county, Illinois, on June 14, 1885. She is the daughter of August and Annie (Peterson) Selburg, the former dying in Hector, Minnesota, and the latter is living in Minneapolis. Their family consisted of ten children, seven of whom are living, namely: Gena Johnson, Albert, Mrs. Lena Giles, Nellie Larson, Mrs. Kintz, of this review, Herman

and Mrs. Laura Hanson. The older members of this family were born in Illinois and the younger in Minnesota.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kintz one son, Commodore Perry Kintz, was born on April 30, 1904. Politically, Mr. Kintz is a Democrat and he has been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Kintz is a young man of more than ordinary business ability and to him has fallen the burden of administering his father's large estate, which he has done in a very creditable manner to himself and satisfactorily to the other heirs. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock man. He has a large herd of grade hogs and has the nucleus of an excellent herd of cattle, besides some of the best draft horses to be found in the township.

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#### JOHN W. SIGNS.

The career of John W. Signs, one of our worthy native sons, illustrates forcibly the possibilities to the young men who are content to spend their lives in their home districts, if they are men of earnest purpose, integrity and sterling business qualities. A well spent life and an honorable career constitute his record, and, like the other members of the old pioneer family from which he springs, he has a wide circle of friends in this locality.

Mr. Signs was born in Clear Creek township, this county, on February 14, 1864. Here he grew to manhood, received his education in the public schools and assisted with the general work on the home place in his boyhood, in fact, he has always been identified with the agricultural pursuits of this vicinity until within the past few years.

The subject is the son of James and Sarah (Kintz) Signs. The father was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on August 18, 1831, and the mother was born in Summit county, Ohio, on June 12, 1835. James Signs settled in Iowa in 1854 and in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, in 1857, in which he is still living, on the old home place with his son, J. Lee Signs. He has lived to see this section develop from a wild prairie to one of the chief agricultural communities of the state and he has taken no small part in this work of transformation. He has made a success as a tiller of the soil and is widely known here. His wife died on October 23, 1903. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, namely: J. Emery, born March 1, 1850, lives in Clear Creek township; Mrs. John W. Long lives in Eden township, Marshall county; Charles C., born January 8, 1862, of Olathe, Kansas; John W., of this sketch; and J. Lee, of Clear Creek township.

John W. Signs was married on September 5, 1885, to Mary Wiley, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, September 6, 1868. Here she grew up and received her education. Her parents, James and Julia (Deeter) Wiley, were among the earliest settlers in this township. The father was born in Indiana, March 13, 1845, is living in South Dakota, and the mother, who was born in Ohio, died when thirty-five years of age, in April, 1880. There were four daughters in the Wiley family, namely: Mary, wife of the subject of this sketch; Clara, born in Clear Creek township, February 12, 1872, is the wife of J. Lee Signs, of this township; Mrs. Belle Dodd, born August 11, 1876, lives in Lowrie City, Missouri.

To Mr. and Mrs. Signs have been born two daughters, namely: Clara B., born May 24, 1887, is attending the common schools near her home and the Collins graded schools, from which she was graduated with the class of 1907, and she was a student at Highland Park College, Des Moines, for one year; she is at present teaching the grammar department of the Collins high school and is giving eminent satisfaction. Maude, the younger daughter, was born August 22, 1889, and died September 17, 1891.

Politically, Mr. Signs is a Democrat, and he belongs to Unit Lodge No. 520, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Baxter. He and his wife are members of Sunbeam Lodge No. 181, Mystic Workers, at Collins.

A few years ago Mr. Signs moved to Collins and for some time conducted the hotel there, later returning to the farm, but remained only a year, then moved back to Collins, where he is now engaged principally in teaming. For a number of years he bought and sold horses, in fact, he was one of the heaviest dealers in this community.

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#### JOSEPH A. LEONARD.

Laborious effort was the lot of Joseph A. Leonard, one of the substantial and well known citizens of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, during his youth and early manhood, but his fidelity to duty won him the respect and confidence of those with whom he was thrown into contact and by patient continuance in well doing he gradually arose from an environment none too auspicious to his present high standing among the influential citizens of this part of the county, being one of the township's leading general farmers and stock raisers, always giving his personal attention to his various industries with the same energy and discretion, persistency and foresight that have char-



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acterized his labors during an honorable career. Having every dollar in his possession as the result of honest effort, and that, too, not infrequently in the face of adverse circumstances, he can claim without ostentation the proud American title of self-made man.

Mr. Leonard was born in Clear Creek township, this county, November 14, 1861. He grew to manhood here and has always been identified with the agricultural interests of this community. He was educated in the district schools here. He is the son of A. L. and Sarah (Ashton) Leonard, the father born in Delaware county, Ohio, and the mother in Illinois. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in the year 1858 and here spent the balance of their lives, the father's death occurring at the old homestead in Clear Creek township, in December, 1880, at the age of forty-eight years, the mother having passed away in 1874, when forty-two years old. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Cass Stock is deceased; Joseph H., of this review; C. A. lives at Prole, Iowa; J. H. lives at Boulder, Colorado; A. W., of Driftwood, Oklahoma. These children were born and reared in Clear Creek township, this county.

In November, 1880, Joseph A. Leonard was united in marriage with Gracie E. Cooper, who was born near Grand Detour, Illinois, August 17, 1854. She was the daughter of B. F. and Mary (Wiser) Cooper, the father born in Washington county, Maryland, February 14, 1834, the mother's birth having occurred in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 8, 1831. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day and are now both residing in Clear Creek township. There were nine children in the Cooper family, six of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Gracie Leonard, of this sketch; Mrs. Alice Rostern, of South Dakota; Ransom, of Clear Creek township, this county; Alma, deceased; Mrs. Nettie Barbee lives in Clear Creek township; Byron is deceased; Charles lives in Collins; Mrs. Edna Stone lives in Story county. The five oldest children were born in Illinois and the younger ones were born in Jasper county, Iowa.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, namely: Mrs. Carrie Miller, born February 22, 1884, is living on the home farm with her father; Leora, born May 1, 1886, is also at home with her father. The wife and mother passed away in 1900.

Politically, Mr. Leonard is a Republican and he has taken considerably more than a passing interest in local affairs, having ever had the interests of his community at heart. He has served as township trustee, assessor, and is clerk, and at this writing he is also president of the board of education in

district No. 5, Clear Creek township. He has discharged his duties as a public servant in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and won the commendation of all concerned.

Mr. Leonard is the owner of one of the choice farms of his township, consisting of two hundred and seventy-two acres on which are two sets of excellent improvements and he is now planning more up-to-date improvements. Personally, Mr. Leonard is an honest, public-spirited, liberal, and pleasant gentleman.

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#### ED M. KITCHEL.

We find a man of unswerving enterprise and courage that halts at no obstacle in Ed M. Kitchel, one of the well known citizens of Clear Creek township, and we are always glad to give such as he just notice, for when a man faces the world courageously and honestly wins in the face of opposition his example is worthy of emulation by others.

Mr. Kitchel was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on April 8, 1875, and here he grew to manhood, was educated in the common schools and has followed the general occupation of this community, farming. He is the son of Prince Albert Kitchel and Lusetta (Roberts) Kitchel, the father born in Michigan on February 9, 1837, and the mother in Ohio on March 9, 1841, and they now make their home in Collins, Iowa. The father is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company B, Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, in which he served his country gallantly for a period of four and one-half years, after which he received an honorable discharge. He came to Iowa first in 1848, in pioneer times, and it was in 1869 that he moved to Jasper county. The mother of the subject of this sketch was one of the earliest settlers of Jasper county, having come here in 1853. She had a daughter by a former marriage, who is now deceased. The children by the second union, all of whom were born in Clear Creek township, this county, and all still living, are: Mrs. Gertrude Darling, born January 1, 1870, is living at Rhodes, Iowa; Mrs. Laura Jackson, born March 8, 1872, lives in Forest City, Iowa; Ed M., of this review; Mrs. Kate Stevens, born March 27, 1877, lives near Britt, Iowa; Warren A., born November 8, 1880, is living on the old home farm in Clear Creek township.

Ed M. Kitchel was married on January 13, 1895, to Stella Dodd, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, March 23, 1871. She is the daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Kuhns) Dodd, the father born near Milwaukee,

Wisconsin, in 1841, and the mother born in Ohio in 1840. The father came to Jasper county, Iowa, in 1854 and was reared here, and in 1884 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Collins township, Story county, where he still resides. The mother came to this county in 1855 with her parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dodd thirteen children were born, nine of whom died in infancy; those living are Ulysses of Collins township, Story county, Iowa; John, Dennis, Stella, wife of the subject; Milo, Edward, Horace and Creed; they all live in Collins township with the exception of Milo, whose home is in northeastern Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kitchel five children have been born, namely: Mildred, born June 6, 1896, is deceased; Warren, born in January, 1898; Gladys, born December 25, 1900; Fay, born July 23, 1907; Gwendolyn, born July 18, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Kitchel is a Republican and, fraternally, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America of Collins, Iowa. Mrs. Kitchel is a member of the Christian church of Collins.

Mr. Kitchel cultivates very successfully and scientifically eighty acres of good land in Collins township and he has a good home.

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### ULYSSES DODD.

Individual enterprise, which is the just boast of the people of Iowa, is forcefully exhibited in the career of Ulysses Dodd, one of the substantial farmers of Clear Creek township. He is a worthy representative of one of the old and most highly honored families in this locality, mention of whom will be found in various parts of this work. While transmitting to posterity the records of this family, it is with the hope of instilling into the minds of those who come after the important lesson that honor and station are sure rewards of individual exertion.

Ulysses Dodd was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, September 9, 1866; here he grew to manhood, received his education in the common schools and here he has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and stock raising. He is the son of Charles E. Dodd and wife, and a grandson of Joseph Dodd, Jr., one of the earliest settlers of Clear Creek township. For a complete history of this family the reader is referred to the sketch of Frank J. Dodd.

The father, Charles E. Dodd, was born near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 14, 1841, and he came with his parents to Jasper county in 1854 and was reared here. In 1884 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Collins

township, Story county, and has since resided there. He was married in 1865 to Elizabeth Kuhns, who was born in Ohio, October 23, 1846. She spent her girlhood there and came to Jasper county, Iowa, with her parents in 1855. She was the daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Burnett) Kuhns, the former a native of Pennsylvania, died at Newton, Iowa. There were ten children in the Burnett family. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dodd were born thirteen children, seven of whom are living, namely: Ulysses, of this review; John, Dennis, Stella Kitchell, Milo, Edward, Ordema Evans, Horace and Cleve; they all reside in Collins township, Story county, with the exception of Milo, who lives in northeastern Iowa. The six other children died in infancy.

Ulysses Dodd was married on September 9, 1890, to Mary Elizabeth Day, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, January 27, 1867. She came to Story county, Iowa, with her parents in 1873. She was the daughter of Henry and Elvira (Faucet) Day, both natives of Marion county, Indiana. They established a good home in Story county and here spent the rest of their lives, the father dying at the age of forty-one years. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are living at this writing, namely: Luella died when twenty-five years of age; Anna died at the age of twenty-three; Edith Belle died when two and one-half years of age; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Dodd, of this review; Frank, who lives in Story county; Mrs. Orrie Venneman lives in Scranton, Iowa; Carl lives in Story county. They were all reared in that county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd seven children have been born, six of whom are living, namely: Mabel, born June 20, 1891, attended the rural schools and completed the tenth grade in the Collins high school, and she is at present teaching school near Clyde, Jasper county; Hazel, born November 24, 1893, is attending high school at Collins, being a member of the graduating class of 1912; Ethel, born July 14, 1897, is attending school at Collins; Earl, born October 12, 1898; Myrna, born August 6, 1901; Velma, born April 3, 1904, died October 4, 1907; Harold, born April 25, 1907. They were all born in Collins township.

Mr. Dodd is the owner of one hundred acres of excellent land in Collins township, Story county, which he has placed under excellent improvements. He keeps a good grade of live stock and has been successful as a general farmer. He is well known in this territory as an extensive buyer and seller of stock.

Politically, Mr. Dodd is a Democrat and he has been a member of the school board of this district; he was formerly a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of Collins.

## CHARLES E. DODD.

There are few who can more justly claim the proud American title of self-made man than Charles E. Dodd, farmer and stock raiser of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, for early in life he started out for himself and when quite young learned to depend upon himself. His educational privileges were limited and no special advantages fitted him for the cares and responsibilities of life; but he was industrious, determined, ambitious and resolute and these qualities stood him instead of fortune, enabling him to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward to the plane where success places the laurel upon the victor's brow. He has not held back when the public needed his services, and although young in years when the great war between the states began to threaten the foundations of the Republic, he unhesitatingly went forth to do what he could to preserve the nation's integrity.

Mr. Dodd was born near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 14, 1841, and there he spent his boyhood and received a common school education. He is the son of Joseph and Amelia (Million) Dodd, the father born in New York, September 27, 1817, and the mother was born in Kentucky, November 6, 1821. They came to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1852, when their son, Charles E., was thirteen years of age. Here they began life in typical pioneer fashion, the country being a wild prairie, but they persevered and finally established a very comfortable home in which they lived until summoned away from earthly scenes, the father dying in the spring of 1897, and the mother's death occurred on August 17, 1889. There were ten children in their family, six of whom are living at this writing, namely: Charles E., of this review; Sarah J., born January 9, 1843, is deceased; William, born March 23, 1845, and Mrs. Amelia Stock are both deceased; G. W., born September 23, 1847, is living in Washington; J. H., born February 5, 1850, is deceased; S. P., born July 18, 1852, lives in Clear Creek township; Frank J., of Clear Creek township; Mark, born November 21, 1860, lives in Wisconsin; Fred lives in Marshall county, Iowa.

Charles E. Dodd was married in 1865 to Elizabeth Kuhns, who was born in Ohio, October 23, 1846, but most of her life has been spent in Jasper county, Iowa, whither she came with her parents in 1855. She is the daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Burnett) Kuhns, the father born in Pennsylvania and died in Newton, Iowa. There were ten children in the Burnett family.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd have been born thirteen children, nine of whom are living, namely: Ulysses, John, Dennis, Stella Kitchel, Milo (resides in

northeastern Iowa), Edward, Ordeema Evans, Horace and Cleve; the other children died in infancy. The above named, with the exception of Milo, reside in this locality. The older children were born in Clear Creek township, the younger ones in Collins township, Story county.

Charles E. Dodd enlisted at Clyde, Iowa, in Company E, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served faithfully over three years and received an honorable discharge. He was in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Corinth, Iuka and was with Banks on the Red river expedition. Politically, he is a Democrat; he has been a member of the school board in his district, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic post at Mingo.

Mr. Dodd has been very successful as a farmer and he is now the owner of a well improved and productive place of one hundred and sixty acres in Collins township, Story county, where he has resided since 1884.

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#### OLIVER B. FULLER.

Perhaps few counties of the old Buckeye state have furnished so many settlers to the newer state of Iowa as Guernsey county and wherever we find them they are progressive and public spirited citizens, always willing to do their share in promoting the general good, and they did an especially fine service to Jasper and her sister counties in pioneer times by placing her wild lands under modern cultivation and improvement. Among this worthy number the name of Oliver Fuller, of the town of Collins, should be mentioned.

Mr. Fuller was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on December 15, 1844, and when quite young he removed with the rest of the family to Indiana, later to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, where the parents spent the balance of their lives, both being now deceased. They were indeed pioneers and unflinchingly bore the hardships of those somewhat trying times. The father, William P. Fuller, died in Clear Creek township in 1857, and the mother in Story county. She was known in her maidenhood as Lucinda Gipson and was born in Ohio. They had a large family, fourteen children having been born to them, of whom four are still living, namely: Mrs. Nancy Ann Markins, who died in 1909; Alfred also died in 1909; Charlotte; Wesley is deceased; Mrs. Martha Wells is living in Collins; Oliver B., of this review; Mrs. Delilah Hinman is living in Bremer county, Iowa; William D. makes his home in Nebraska; Mary is deceased; three sons of this family died in infancy, John and twins unnamed.

Oliver B. Fuller grew to maturity on the farm and when but a boy helped with the general farm work, and he received such education as was possible in the old-time schools. In May, 1865, he was married to Margaret Jane Ellison, who was born at Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, July 16, 1844. She was the daughter of Asa and Susannah (See) Ellison, both now deceased. The following were the children in the Ellison family: Milburn is deceased; Mrs. Mary McPherson, of Polk county, Iowa; Charles F. lives in Montana; Margaret Jane, wife of Mr. Fuller of this sketch; James lives in Montana; John lives near Iowa Falls, Iowa; Asa also lives in that city; Mrs. Susannah Nichols, of Montana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fuller six children have been born, five of whom are living, namely: Warren, born March 29, 1866, is living in Tama City, Iowa; Leroy is deceased; Mrs. Ann Richardson, born in 1873, is living in Washington; Mrs. Grace Legg, born in 1876, also lives in Washington; Otis Eugene, born in 1879, is living in Collins; Mrs. Matilda Jane Mullihan, born in 1882, is living in Story county. These children were reared and educated in Jasper county.

Oliver B. Fuller learned the blacksmith's trade early in life and has worked at it continuously for a period of forty-six years, during which time he has become widely known as one of the most skilled and reliable workmen in this section of the state. He has maintained his shop in Collins the past two years. Politically, he is a Democrat. Mrs. Fuller is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Collins.

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#### IRA A. CAMPBELL.

One of the most enterprising and public spirited men of Collins and vicinity is Ira A. Campbell, who has long had the interests of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, at heart and who has labored in every way possible to promote the general good of the same. He is now getting well along in years, and his long record has given evidence of enterprise, honorable dealing and usefulness and he is one of the highly esteemed men of this locality, being one of our worthiest pioneers.

Mr. Campbell was born in Meigs county, Ohio, September 21, 1836, and there grew to maturity and attended school in the old time log cabins. In the fall of 1855 he left the Buckeye state and removed to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, and has been a successful and active resident of

the community ever since, having witnessed its remarkable growth and taking a leading interest in the same. He tells many interesting things relating to early life here, vividly recalling the incidents and hardships of the early days here, but being a man of courage he was not discouraged by any obstacle. He has devoted his life principally to farming and still owns a good place of one hundred and seventy acres in Clear Creek township, this county. Twenty years ago he left the farm, moved to Collins, where he built an excellent home and here he still resides; however, he did not retire from active life at that time and since coming here he has built many houses in this town. He recalls the fact that there were only a few homes in Clear Creek township, and they of rude logs, when he moved here. In his early life he followed blacksmithing, which he finally gave up on account of failing health and removed to a farm in Jasper county, having formerly lived in Keokuk whither he returned in 1850 from Ohio where he had gone for his bride.

Robert Campbell, father of the subject, was born in Vermont, later moving to Meigs county, Ohio, where he remained until his death, lacking only a month and a half of being ninety years of age. The subject's mother, known in her maidenhood as Anna Packard, was born in New York and her death occurred in Meigs county, Ohio. Their family consisted of ten children, four sons and six daughters, three of the sons still living, namely: William; Mrs. Esther Tiffany, deceased; Sallie, deceased; Ira A., of this review; Elmira, deceased; Alba, who lives in Ohio; Sybil, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; Harriet, deceased.

Ira A. Campbell was married on April 9, 1859, to Emily Green, who was born in Meigs county, Ohio, October 5, 1830, and her death occurred in Collins, Iowa, September 28, 1899. She was the daughter of William and Susan Green, both of whom died in Ohio, and in that state she grew to womanhood and spent her girlhood days.

To Ira A. Campbell and wife nine children were born, six sons and three daughters, four of whom are living: they were named as follows: Charlie, born at Keokuk, Iowa, November 13, 1860, died in Story county, this state, in 1900; Alice, born in Keokuk March 29, 1861, is living with his father in Collins; Ellsworth, born in Clear Creek township, this county, December 20, 1864, is also a resident of Collins; Curt, born in Jasper county, December 27, 1868, also lives in Collins; Horace, born March 28, 1867, is deceased; Frank, born March 15, 1871, lives in Collins; Laura, born December 20, 1874, is deceased; Clarence, born July 25, 1878; Josephine, born February

10, 1881, died October 9, 1881. These children were reared in this county and educated in the local schools.

Politically, Mr. Campbell is a Democrat and has been more or less active in public affairs. He has been a member of the board of trustees and school director.

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### JOHN W. SOUTHERN.

One of the business men of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, who has been content to spend his life in his native community is John W. Southern, at present conducting a restaurant at Collins, but most of his life has been spent in connection with agricultural pursuits. Here he was born on December 29, 1874, and here he grew to manhood and was educated. After engaging in railroad work for some time he returned to the farm, where he remained until November 21, 1908, when he, with his family, began the restaurant business in which they have met with a large measure of success all along the line. He owns a good stock and modern restaurant fixtures, and his place has become popular with the local and traveling public.

Mr. Southern is the son of David H. and Melissa C. (Penquite) Southern, the father born in Logan county, Illinois, January 23, 1840, and the mother was born in Ohio, April 29, 1852. They are both living on the old homestead in Clear Creek township. The Southern family was among the earliest arrivals in Jasper county, having come here in the fall of 1853 and in the spring of 1854 they moved to Clear Creek township. The subject's paternal grandfather was born in Virginia, the Southern family having been one of the first of the Old Dominion.

Seven children were born to David H. Southern and wife, all of whom are living, named as follows: John W., of this review, being the eldest; Mrs. Eva Tilton, of Collins; Mrs. Bertha Osborne; Mrs. Jessie Atwood; Harvey E., who lives at Collins; Mary is living at home; Mrs. Lena Renfelt is a resident of Galva, Iowa.

John W. Southern was united in the bonds of marriage to Ida Oswalt, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, September 17, 1876, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is the daughter of Edward and Martha Jane (Tripp) Oswalt, the father born in Stark county, Ohio, July 28, 1835, and the mother in Lee county, Iowa, June 21, 1841; the latter's death occurred in Collins, Iowa, February 2, 1903. Edward Oswalt spent his early youth in his native state, coming to Des

Moines, Iowa, in 1840, thence to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, in 1847, thus making him one of the earliest settlers in this locality. He conducted the Oswalt mill on Indian creek for eighteen years. He is making his residence at Collins at this writing. Mrs. Southern's paternal grandmother, Rachael Grimes, was a sister of one of Iowa's earliest governors. There were eight children in the Oswalt family, seven of whom are living, namely: Jacob died in infancy; John Andrew lives in Emmet county, Iowa; Mrs. Edna Dennison lives in Collins; Mrs. Robert Elzy, of Marshalltown; James lives in New Albany township, Story county, Iowa; Ida, wife of Mr. Southern of this review.

To Mr. and Mrs. Southern two sons have been born, namely: Leroy, born in Clear Creek township, this county, November 6, 1898; Edward Harold, born near Nevada, Story county, January 18, 1903. They are both attending the public schools in Collins.

Politically, Mr. Southern is independent, voting for the man whom he deems best qualified for the office sought. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Crescent Camp No. 2358, of Collins, and he also holds membership in the Mystic Workers, No. 181, of that place.

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#### WALTER O. TRAMEL.

While the life of Walter O. Tramel, one of the worthy native sons of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, has not been of an unusual character,—nothing strange or tragic about it,—nevertheless it abounds in lesson and incentive, for his record has been one of persistence, even in the face of obstacles at which others would have quailed. He has sought to be of benefit to his neighbors and the community in general, and his example has resulted in no harm to those who have come under his influence.

Mr. Tramel was born in Independence township on October 29, 1876, here grew to manhood, was educated in the common schools and has always been identified with the agricultural interests of the community, believing that better opportunities existed here in his chosen line of endeavor than elsewhere. Mr. Tramel is the son of Joseph and Cynthia (Leonard) Tramel, one of the well known old couples of this locality. The father's death occurred in Oregon in September, 1904, at the age of seventy years, and the mother died January 18, 1907. Their family consisted of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: William lives in Independence township;

Mrs. Stella Whitehead lives in Poweshiek township, this county; Mrs. Bertha Allspaugh lives in Boulder, Colorado; and Walter O., of this sketch. For a full history of the Tramel family the reader is referred to the sketch of William Tramel on another page of this work.

Walter O. Tramel has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising, buying and shipping, and is one of the best known stock men in this locality and one of the most successful. In the spring of 1911 he moved onto the farm which he had purchased the preceding year and he has made a vast improvement in the same, rendering it one of the best farms in the community, well equipped in every respect and under a high state of cultivation, and he has a good home. In addition to caring for his farm Mr. Tramel buys and sells about two hundred car loads of live stock annually, and no small part of his income has been from this source in the past. No better judge of live stock could be found than he and he is uniformly successful. By hustling persistently and dealing honestly he has accumulated a competency, but he has never shown that parsimonious spirit exhibited by some of the successful men of today and he therefore has the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Tramel was married in March, 1903, to Lillian Long, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, March 12, 1882, and here she was reared and educated. She is the daughter of George and Phoebe Jane (Miller) Long, the father born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, April 3, 1854, and the mother in this township, on May 24, 1857, and this union resulted in the birth of nine children, five of whom are deceased, namely: Clarence D., born May 11, 1877, lives in Independence township; Quincy, born October 27, 1879, died November 29, 1879; Pearl Hardenburgh, born in April, 1880, lives in Independence township; Lillian, wife of Mr. Tramel of this sketch; James Carl, born September 13, 1883, is assisting his father on the home farm; Stella, born June 18, 1885, died November 3, 1885; Charles, Fred and the youngest child died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter O. Tramel four children have been born, namely: James Russell, born January 6, 1904; William Blaine, born January 6, 1905; Cynthia Marie, born June 7, 1906; Gertrude Irene, born March 6, 1910. These children were born in Independence township, this county, and they are all at home with their parents.

Politically, Mr. Tramel is a Republican and he belongs to the Yeoman lodge of Ira. He is a public spirited man and takes much interest in whatever tends to promote the interests of his community, lending his aid whenever necessary.

## ELI W. BORTS.

One of the native-born citizens of Clear Creek township, Jasper county, who is deserving of special mention along with other enterprising young men who are performing well their work here, is Eli W. Borts. His birth occurred here on September 5, 1879; he grew to manhood on the home place, which he helped develop, and he has always been identified with the agricultural interests of this community. His father, Eli Borts, was born in DeKalb county, Indiana, November 29, 1845, and there he grew up and received his education in the old time schools. Although young in years when the Civil war came on, he enlisted as drummer boy in Company D, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, having previously emigrated to the West to make his fortune. He enlisted at Greencastle, Poweshiek township, Jasper county, and served faithfully through the major part of the war, after which he received an honorable discharge. He married Margaret Stier, who was born in St. Joe county, Iowa, March 13, 1851, and when four years old she came with her parents in 1855 to Jasper county and is residing at present at Mingo, her husband having died in this county on March 5, 1891. Their family consisted of six children, five of whom are living, as follows: William H., born July 3, 1879, is living with his mother at Mingo; Mrs. Cora Pitcock, born October 13, 1872, died June 7, 1897; Gertie, born September 27, 1875, is living at Boone, Iowa; Rosa, born April 1, 1884, is living with her mother at Mingo.

Eli W. Borts was married on February 18, 1903, to Bertha H. Skinner, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, May 20, 1885, and here she was reared and educated. She is the daughter of Herbert K. and Mary A. (Edwards) Skinner, one of the best known and influential families of this and adjoining counties, her father being representative from Jasper county in the state Legislature. He was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, April 2, 1849, but has spent most of his life in Iowa, having moved with his parents to Ft. Dodge in 1853 and on to Jasper county in 1860 and the family has resided here continuously to the present time. Mr. Skinner devoted twelve years of his life to teaching. He has been very successful in a business way and is the owner of some of the best land in this locality and also in Texas, over five hundred acres in all. He has been prominent in public life for many years, holding a number of local offices, finally securing a seat in the Legislature and there he is making a record of which his constituents and friends may well be proud. He married Mary B. Keyes in 1871; she was born in Benton county, Iowa, in 1848 and her death occurred in Jasper

county in 1875. Mr. Skinner was married in 1876 to Mary A. Edwards, who was born in Jasper county in 1855, the daughter of M. M. and Anne (Henderson) Edwards. To the latter union eight children were born, namely: Elsie M., Charles Herbert, Bertha H. (wife of Mr. Borts of this sketch), Mrs. Cora A. Tiffany, Arthur L., Mary Helen, Howard Otis and George M. For a full sketch of the Skinner family the reader is directed to the sketch of Hon. Herbert K. Skinner, appearing in another part of this work.

To Mr. and Mrs. Borts have been born three daughters, Reva B., born February 18, 1904, Zelma E., born February 11, 1906, and Lena Irene, born December 24, 1911. The two older girls are attending the rural schools in the home neighborhood. Politically, Mr. Borts is a Republican and he affiliates with the Congregational church. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 174, of Mingo.

Mr. Borts is successfully farming eighty acres of the old Skinner homestead in Clear Creek township. He has a good home, well furnished and supplied with modern literature.

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#### OTTO HARRE.

If a list could be made of the original homes of the old settlers of this portion of Iowa it would be found that a very large number of them came to Jasper county from the German empire, or at least their ancestors did, some of them, maybe, settling in the old Keystone or Empire states or other sections of the East, and not a few in the Badger and Wolverine states of the North, and from these their descendants emigrated to this section; thus thousands of our best citizens are of this descent and blood. The German people are noted the world over for their thrift, honesty and industry, and for that reason the United States has always welcomed them to our shores.

One of the progressive farmers of Independence township, Jasper county, who belongs to the second generation of Germans in America is Otto Harre, whose birth occurred in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, December 2, 1870. He is the son of Fred and Wilhelmina (Meierkort) Harre, both natives of Lippe-Detmold, Germany, the father on June 4, 1830, and the mother on October 3, 1848. There they spent their childhood, and emigrated to America in early life, locating in Wisconsin, from which state they came to Jasper county, Iowa, when their son Otto, of this sketch, was quite young. Here they established a good home through their untiring industry and honesty.

and here the father spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in Independence township on September 4, 1888; the mother survives, living now in Baxter.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harre, all of whom are living; they were named as follows: Mrs. Emma Kracht, who lives in Baxter; Fred, who lives in Pleasanton, Nebraska; Mrs. Pauline Geise, born October 3, 1864, lives in Malaka township; Otto, of this sketch; Albert, born August 13, 1873, lives in Waverly, Iowa; Mrs. Mattie Kanne, born April 19, 1875, lives in Malaka township; Mrs. Clara Hager, born October 30, 1877, lives in Baxter; William, born August 29, 1879. The elder children were born in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, the younger ones in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa.

Politically, Mr. Harre is a Republican and he has been a member of the school board in Eden township, Marshall county, and he has always been active in bettering the conditions of his vicinity.

Mr. Harre is the owner of one of the best farms in Eden township, Marshall county, which he has placed under excellent improvements and a high state of cultivation. He has carried on general farming and stock raising, and he has a good home and splendid outbuildings.

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#### FREDERICK S. SCHWEINEBART.

No better representative of the thrifty and progressive younger generation of farmers in Jasper county could be found than Frederick S. Schweinebart, the scion of an excellent old family of Independence township. He believes in adopting the best twentieth-century methods in his field work and in doing well whatever is worth doing at all; no half-hearted or "slip-shod" method goes with him, and he is always at it, never letting the grass grow under his feet or any stone unturned whereby he can benefit himself; but he takes a good citizen's interest in the affairs of his community and, while laboring for his advancement, does not neglect his duties to his neighbors and the community in general.

Mr. Schweinebart was born in Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1881, and here he grew to manhood, received his education in the public schools, and with the exception of six months spent in the butcher business in Baxter, he has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He owns and tills two hundred and forty acres of as choice land as the locality can

boast, the Schweinebart farm, lying just over the line in Eden township, Marshall county. He has kept it under a high state of improvement and cultivation and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, always keeping a fine grade of live stock, having gathered the nucleus of one of the finest shorthorn herds in this locality. He has an attractive and substantial home, large and substantial outbuildings and everything about his place denotes thrift and prosperity and that a gentleman of good taste and good judgment has its management in hand.

Fred and Etta Schweinebart, parents of the subject, were born in Germany, from which country they emigrated to America and located in Jasper county, Iowa, and they are now living in a very comfortable home in the town of Baxter. Four children were born to them, two of whom are living, namely: William, of Independence township; Mrs. Mary Wintermier, deceased; one son died young; Frederick, of this sketch. These children were all born in Independence township, Jasper county.

Fred Schweinebart was married in 1906 to Opal Stinson, who was born in Independence township, this county, April 24, 1888, and here she grew to womanhood and here received her education in the common schools.

Mrs. Schweinebart is the daughter of Thomas and Emily F. (Sego) Stinson. The father, one of the largest land owners and influential citizens of Jasper county, was born in Indiana, May 5, 1847. When a boy he came with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, here grew to manhood, was educated and has spent the balance of his useful and successful life, he being the son of Jeremiah and Delila (Wyatt) Stinson. On April 12, 1874, he was united in marriage with Emily F. Sego, who was born in this county, January 10, 1857, the daughter of Greenberry and Sarah D. (Goodman) Sego, early settlers of this locality where they spent the latter parts of their lives, both being now deceased; their family consisted of eleven children.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stinson, namely: Mrs. Florence Elba Dodd lives in Colfax; Maggie Edith is deceased; John Berryl lives in Madison county, Iowa; Mrs. Audra Belle Tipton lives in Independence township, this county; Mrs. Sarah Fern Kracht also lives in this township; Opal, wife of Mr. Schweinebart, of this review; Frank G. lives with his parents on the home farm.

Thomas Stinson has been very successful in a business way, and he owns a fine, productive and well improved farm of seven hundred and twenty acres in Jasper county and one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Madison county. He carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, taking rank in the front of our leading agriculturists, and is

a much admired and influential man. To Mr. and Mrs. Schweinebart two children have been born, the eldest, Harmon, dying in infancy; Nile was born on March 29, 1909.

Politically, the subject is an independent voter, and he takes much more than a passing interest in the affairs of his community, and, in view of his youth and past success, the future has much of promise for him.

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#### A. C. MEYER.

It requires considerable personal courage and strong resolution to sever the ties which bind one to home, friends, kindred and native land and seek fortune and a place of abode in a foreign country, where the language is unknown, where manners and customs are strange and where the future is uncertain, but A. C. Meyer, well known business man of Baxter, Jasper county, took the risk incident to such a course, nor has he been disappointed in the hope which led him to leave Germany and come to the United States, a youngster of tender years at the time of his arrival, possessing no capital save willingness to work and a strong determination to succeed, which he has admirably done, as we shall see by the study of the following paragraphs which will show the ease with which thrifty Germans achieve such financial success in this country that it is astonishing to most Americans. The record of the gentleman whose name appears above is not only one of industry, but also of honor.

Mr. Meyer was born in Hanover, Germany, December 15, 1843. He is the son of Fred M. and Betty Meyer, both natives of Germany, the mother in Bremen; the date of the father's birth was July 11, 1800, and he died in Illinois on July 11, 1864; the mother was born on 1810 and died at Freeport, Illinois, on June 10, 1883. They grew up, were educated and married in the fatherland and emigrated to America later in life, securing a good home in the new world. They were the parents of the following children: William, Carl, Theodore, Reinhard, Johanna and A. C. of this review; also a daughter, Lizzie.

A. C. Meyer of this sketch left his native land on October 28, 1856, arriving in New York on December 24th of that year. The family came west at once and settled in German Valley, Illinois, where they remained fourteen years, and in 1869 came on to Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa, where the young Meyer reared his family and cultivated a large farm in that



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township until March 1, 1907, when he removed to Baxter, Jasper county, where he owns one of the best residences in that thriving little village and has long been successfully engaged in business. He has been most successful in whatever he has turned his attention to, and is the owner of a very valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres, well improved, located near White lake, South Dakota, besides an interest in the bank at Baxter, and telephone stock in the Baxter Telephone Company; he also owns eighty acres of good Missouri land. Since 1872 he has improved one of the choice farms of Eden township, Marshall county. He is one of the best informed botanists and floraeulturists in this section of the state, having long taken a deep interest in plant life and his beautiful flower garden is the pride of Baxter. It shows a very commendable quality in Mr. Meyer,—a well developed esthetic taste,—showing that he has an eye for the beautiful and is a lover of nature; to him, in the language of the English poet, Wadsworth, "The meanest flower that grows can give thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears." This is a most commendable quality, for in this money-mad age, most men permit the affairs of business and the love of the dollar to take the place of almost everything, literally eradicating what little esthetic quality they had in their childhood. No man can be wholly bad who is a lover of nature and "communes with her invisible forms."

Mr. Meyer was married to Catharine Dahlem, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 25, 1844. When a child she came with her parents to America, reaching Freeport, Illinois, on December 25, Christmas day, 1852. She is the daughter of Henry and Susan (Vogt) Dahlem, the father born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1812 and died September 10, 1877, and the mother was born in the fatherland in May, 1822, and died December 8, 1877. They were the parents of four children, namely: Henry, born in Comoden, Bavaria, November 28, 1842; Catharine, wife of Mr. Meyer, of this review; Elizabeth Pfeil, born November 26, 1848, is living in Illinois; Abraham, born May 26, 1850, lives in Baxter.

Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, named as follows: Henry, born April 5, 1867, is living in Saskatchewan, Canada; Elizabeth, born September 11, 1869, died in Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa, January 14, 1896; Susie, born October 14, 1870, died December 21, 1880; Hannah Meier, born September 25, 1872, is living at White Lake, South Dakota; Catharine, born August 26, 1874, died October 9, 1874; Fred, born October 11, 1876, died February 27, 1877; William T., born April 14, 1878, lives in Eden township, Marshall county; Carl Reinhard, born May 4, 1881,

is living near Waterloo, Iowa; August A., born August 9, 1883, is living at White Lake, South Dakota; John O., born September 7, 1885, also lives at White Lake, South Dakota; Anna D., born March 18, 1888, died March 20, 1888.

Politically, Mr. Meyer is a Democrat. He has been a member of the school board for a period of eighteen years and has done much for the cause of education here during that time. He and his family belong to the German Reformed church.

Mr. Meyer, who is one of the pioneers of this community, has done his full share in developing the same. Many young men of this place can attribute their success in the financial world to the confidence placed in them by Mr. Meyer. He is a whole-souled, genial, hospitable gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know and he numbers his friends by the scores.

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#### FRANK COUCH.

One of the enterprising native sons of Jasper county who has ever noted with growing pride the steady advancement of this locality, from a wild stretch of prairie to one of the foremost farming and dairying sections of the great Hawkeye commonwealth, is Frank Couch, who, being a public-spirited citizen, withdraws his support and co-operation from no movement which is intended to promote public improvement. What he has achieved in life proves the force of his character and illustrates his steadfastness of purpose, for he has persistently refused to be downed by untoward circumstances and has always been of an optimistic temperament, making of the obstacles he has encountered stepping-stones to higher things. He is a man who believes in keeping unsullied the good name of his forebears, and he has accordingly guarded his course in the world of action, believing it to be the duty to safeguard the honored name of the Couch family, long well known here.

Mr. Couch was born in this county on December 9, 1868. He is the son of Rufus D. and Mary (Mallow) Couch, both born in Ohio, the father on June 26, 1832. They spent their childhood in Ohio, and finally emigrated to Jasper county, Iowa, where they became well located on a farm, and here the father's death occurred on March 3, 1900. The mother is living at Goddard. They became the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living, namely: Daniel lives in Sherman township; Mrs. Clara Topper lives in Colfax; Mrs. Amanda Wheeler lives at Goddard; Charlie lives in South

Dakota; James died in 1868; Andrew lives in South Dakota; Frank, of this sketch, and Warren (twins), born December 9, 1868, the latter living in South Dakota; William Arthur lives on the old home farm, northwest of Mingo, in Clear Creek township. The older children were born in Ohio, the three younger in Jasper county, Iowa.

It was in 1866 that the parents of these children came to this county. Rufus D. Couch, the father, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in an Ohio regiment.

Frank Couch was reared on the home farm in this county and there he made himself generally useful during his boyhood days, receiving his education in the common schools of his community. With the exception of three years spent in Missouri, he has been a continuous resident of Jasper county. He formerly owned one hundred and forty-four acres of fine farming land in Worth county, Iowa, but recently disposed of the same. He tills one hundred and fifty-one acres of choice farming land in Sherman township, Jasper county, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a manner that stamps him as fully abreast of the times. He has been very successful and has accumulated a competency. He is an enterprising, liberal and broad-minded individual whom it is a pleasure to meet, commanding the respect of all with whom he has met. He believes in encouraging every worthy public enterprise. Politically, he is a loyal Republican.

Mr. Couch was married in March, 1894, to Edith May Jickling, who was born in Sherman township, Jasper county, Iowa, on July 23, 1871, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education. She is the daughter of John D. and Susan S. (Cuthbert) Jickling, the father born in Canada, June 22, 1837, and the mother in London, England, February 5, 1842, from which country she came with her parents to the United States in 1855, locating in Michigan. The father of Mrs. Couch settled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1859 where he remained until 1865 when he moved to Sherman township, Jasper county, Iowa. Here he prospered and is now the owner of four hundred and fifty-one acres of land here, being one of the wealthiest men of the county.

There were five children in the Jickling family, namely: George B., of Winterset, Iowa; William R. lives in Sherman township; Mrs. Laura Alice Zenor lives in Tryon, Nebraska; Edith May, wife of Mr. Couch of this sketch; Riley R. is deceased.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Couch: Mrs. Hazel May Dawson, born March 1, 1895; Riley, born August 20, 1897, who is attending school in Ira.

## J. CLIFFORD BARBEE.

Success in this life comes to the deserving. It is an axiom demonstrated by all human experience, that a man gets out of this life what he puts into it, plus a reasonable interest on the investment. The individual who inherits a large estate and adds nothing to his fortune cannot be called a successful man. He that falls heir to a large fortune and increases its value is successful in proportion to the amount he adds to his possession. But the man who starts in the world unaided and by sheer force of will, controlled by correct principles, forges ahead and at length reaches a position of honor among his fellow citizens achieves success such as representatives of the two former classes can neither understand nor appreciate. To a considerable extent J. Clifford Barbee, of Mingo, Jasper county, is a creditable representative of the class last named, a class which has furnished much of the bone and sinew of the country and added to the stability of our government and its institutions.

Mr. Barbee was born in Independence, Jackson county, Missouri, December 26, 1884. He is the son of Christopher C. and Angeline (Sparks) Barbee, the father born in Hendricks county, Indiana, March 8, 1852, and the mother born in Minnesota September 11, 1859. When two years old the father was brought by his parents, John and Ollie (Newton) Barbee, to Jasper county, Iowa, making the overland trip in wagons, before the days of railroads in this part of the country, and here Christopher C. Barbee grew to manhood and has continued to reside, devoting his life to farming and blacksmithing, now engaged as a hardware merchant in the town of Ira, this county. The mother of the subject was the daughter of Joseph and Amilda (Parks) Sparks, the father born in Kentucky and the mother in Indiana. They moved to Minnesota in an early day and there the mother died. The father was a soldier in the Union army and died while in the service.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher C. Barbee, four of whom are living at this writing, namely: Bertie died in infancy; Mrs. Matilde L. Reddick, born December 31, 1877, lives in South Dakota; Otis C., born December 21, 1879, and Clarence J., born January 4, 1882, were killed in a train wreck while journeying to Dakota several years ago; J. Clifford, of this sketch; Ray H., born February 9, 1889, lives at Ira; James Edward, born January 18, 1895, is assisting his father in the store at Ira. These children were reared and educated in Jasper county.

J. Clifford Barbee was six months old when his parents brought him to Rhodes, Marshall county, Iowa, from Jackson county, Missouri, and the

family lived at Rhodes about four years, then moved to Independence township, Jasper county, where they have since resided.

The subject grew to manhood here and received his education in the local schools. He learned the blacksmith's trade when a young man and this has been his life work. He has become very skilled in his chosen vocation and enjoys an ever-increasing business, having followed his profession continuously for the past eight years, and in July, 1911, he purchased a well equipped shop in Mingo where he does a general blacksmithing and repair work.

Mr. Barbee was married in November, 1904, to Lizzie Inglis, who was born in Illinois in 1884. She is the daughter of John Inglis, who was born in Scotland and is now living in Texas. There were twelve children in the Inglis family.

To Mr. and Mrs. Barbee three children have been born, namely: Zola Fern, born in Melbourne, Iowa; Raymond Harold, born in Fairmount, Minnesota; Gladys, born in Webster City, Iowa. The two older children are attending school at Mingo. Politically, Mr. Barbee votes independently.

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#### FRANK B. ROSS.

Frank B. Ross, the subject of this sketch, is a splendid example of what an enterprising young man of sincere purpose can accomplish. But twenty-five years of age, Mr. Ross is the owner and proprietor of one of the best stores in the town of Reasnor and enjoys the respect and good will of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the county. Keen, alert and energetic, he is honest to the core and believes in doing by his fellow man as he would be done by.

Mr. Ross was born May 12, 1884, in Jasper county, Iowa, and is the son of Charles F. and Ahmeda L. (Smith) Ross, both of whom were natives of Iowa, the mother being born in Jasper county.

It was in 1864 that the father of the subject came to Jasper county and as a mere boy engaged in farm work. In 1878 he purchased forty acres, to which by thrift and untiring industry he kept adding until at one time he owned one hundred and seventy-eight acres. While he followed general farming only, he raised some stock also. He still owns and resides upon the first land he ever bought and still is actively engaged in farming. Mr. Ross's father is well known and is a solid, stable man of affairs and a good citizen.

While never a politician or a man who has sought office, he is a man who takes a keen and intelligent interest in the advancement and upbuilding of his county and state. At different times for over twenty years he has been director and treasurer of the independent district schools. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Evangelical church.

The subject of this review is one of twelve children, of whom seven are now living: Elsie, who was born in 1877, died in childhood; William A., born July 9, 1879, is a prosperous farmer residing near Newton, Iowa; Jessie died in infancy; Bertha also died in infancy; next in order of birth is the subject of this sketch: Elmer, born July 9, 1880, died when quite young; Zell S., born June 3, 1888, is a well-to-do farmer residing in Jasper county; Charles Owen, born October 11, 1890, died at the age of ten years; Ada Ruth, born December 19, 1892, resides at home; Harry S., born March 10, 1895, is at home; Edith Fern, born January 30, 1899, is at home; Robert L., born March 16, 1901, is at home.

Mr. Ross began working for himself in the spring of 1905, following the pursuit of farming. At this business he continued steadily in Jasper county until March, 1909, when he removed to northern Minnesota upon a farm of two hundred and twenty acres he had purchased there, but later he returned to Reasnor, when he purchased, June 1, 1910, the general store and hardware business of J. J. McCartney, which he has conducted successfully ever since, selling pumps and windmills in connection with the other general items of hardware.

On February 28, 1905, Mr. Ross was united in marriage with Victoria A. Tool, the daughter of H. F. L. and Louan (Woody) Tool, both of whom were natives of Iowa, and both of whom are living at this writing, on farms in Minnesota.

Mrs. Ross was born January 20, 1885, in Jasper county and departed this life May 8, 1909. No purer or more gentle spirit ever passed from earth into the great unfathomable beyond than she and many were the hearts left desolate by her going. Ever delighting in doing acts of kindness and living for others, she was a woman whose life was an example of that which the Savior of men exemplified while upon earth. Always an earnest worker in the Methodist church, she put her faith and her devotion into deeds and was a guiding star and spiritual inspiration to many who were fortunate enough to know her.

Besides her bereaved husband, she left behind her a sweet little daughter, Mable Louise, who was born December 26, 1908. Every effort was made by Mr. Ross to save her fair young life, the best nurses and physicians ob-

tainable were procured and she was taken to the city hospital at Aiken, Minnesota, but all without avail, for death came four days after she entered the hospital. It was after the untimely death of his beloved wife that Mr. Ross returned to Reasnor and engaged in his present business.

The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Ross are: Julia C., wife of F. E. Fairchild, a farmer residing in northern Minnesota; Nora, wife of Zell S. Ross, a brother of the subject; William A.; Ella and Irene, live at home in Minnesota. Lena died when but two and one-half years old.

Mr. Ross is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having at one time been trustee and also superintendent of the Sunday school of the church at Bellevue. He is an uncompromising foe of liquor and the liquor traffic, and is a Prohibitionist in politics. Affable and genial, he is one of the popular men of the younger generation of the county.

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#### JOHN W. CUSHATT.

The Cushatt family has been well known in Jasper county during practically its entire period of development, in which laudable undertaking they have performed their parts in a manner that cannot fail to elicit our hearty commendation, for they belong to that class of progressive and enterprising citizens who believe in lending what aid is necessary in promoting the general good, while advancing their individual interests. A worthy scion of this old and honored family is John W. Cushatt, of Baxter, a young man of many fine traits of character.

Mr. Cushatt was born in the county where he still resides and where his life has been spent, his birth occurring on October 31, 1882, and here he received a good education in the common schools, learning the barber trade here early in life and this he has followed to the present time with an unusual degree of success. He is at present associated with Alden Trussel, a sketch of whom appears in this work. He is regarded as a most skillful artist in his line and his shop is fully equipped with all modern appliances and is always neat and sanitary. His hundreds of regular patrons are promptly waited on and treated with every courtesy.

Robert W. Cushatt, father of the subject, was born in July, 1854. He married Sarah Kirk, who was born in Illinois, her parents being pioneers of Jasper county, Iowa, and became prominent here in the early days. For a full history of this family the reader is referred to the sketch of Rev. W. C.

Nirk, which appears elsewhere in this volume. The subject's parents are still living in Sherman township, this county. Eight children were born to Robert W. Cushatt and wife, an equal number of sons and daughters, all living at this writing, namely: Ida Orr, born October 20, 1878, lives in this county; Henry, born August 30, 1880, lives in Sherman township; John W., of this review; Ray, born April 11, 1885, lives near Riceville, Iowa; Blanche, born September 16, 1888, was graduated from the Baxter high school in 1907 and is now clerking in the Baxter Mercantile Company's store; Lela, born March 8, 1890, is living near Newton, Iowa; Frank, born August 22, 1892, and Alta, born September 12, 1901. These children were all born and reared in Jasper county.

John W. Cushatt was married on April 21, 1906, to Clara Miller who was born in Newton, Iowa, the daughter of John C. and Carrie (Kiser) Miller, the father born in Holstien, Germany, in 1830, emigrated to America in early life, married here and spent his later years in Jasper county, Iowa, where his death occurred in January, 1909; the mother, who was born in Freeport, Illinois, in 1855, is living in Baxter. They became the parents of three children, namely: Edward, who is connected with the general merchandise firm of Miller & Klemme, of Baxter, was born March 28, 1883; Clara, wife of Mr. Cushatt of this review; William, who lives in Independence township, this county, were all born in Jasper county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cushatt a son and a daughter have been born, namely: Vera Alta, whose birth occurred on October 21, 1907, and Ralph Robert, born May 30, 1910.

Politically, Mr. Cushatt is a Democrat and, fraternally, he belongs to Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of Baxter, and the Modern Woodmen of America, Baxter Camp No. 5642.

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#### FRANK W. DENSMORE.

A young man who is succeeding admirably well at the restaurant business at Mingo, Clear Creek township, Jasper county, and who seems to be starting life on the right track with the proper principles guiding him, is Frank W. Densmore, who was born in this township, February 26, 1880, and here he grew to manhood, and, with the exception of two years in Washington state, he has made this his home, in which vicinity his parents were among the earliest settlers. He was educated in the local schools and devoted

his earlier years to farming, having cared for himself since the age of thirteen. On July 12, 1911, he opened the restaurant where he is still engaged in business and is enjoying a liberal patronage, assisted by his excellent wife. He keeps his place attractive and neat and is obliging and genial to his patrons.

Mr. Densmore is the son of Thomas and Lucy (Tripp) Densmore. Thomas Densmore was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, April 12, 1835, and his wife was born in Ogle county, Illinois, July 13, 1841. They came to Jasper county, Iowa, he in 1859, she in 1853, and they were married October 14, 1859, in Clear Creek township. He died on April 14, 1902, and she on February 18, 1890. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are deceased, namely: David T., born August 2, 1860; Maggie M. (Mrs. Dennis Alder), born October 14, 1861, lives in Cape Horn, Washington; Thomas B., born September 11, 1862; Mary B., born February 23, 1864; Charlie E., born January 15, 1867; Eddie M., born May 10, 1868; Jessie B., born December 17, 1874; Frank W., of this sketch; Robert M., born August 10, 1881, lives in California; of these children the following are dead: David T., on August 20, 1888; Thomas, on October 3, 1862; Mary, October 30, 1864; Charlie, March 24, 1867; Edward, July 11, 1874; Jessie, November 5, 1875.

On December 25, 1899 Mr. Densmore was united in marriage with Lydia Lura Franklin, a native of Clear Creek township, her birth occurring on August 7, 1883. She was reared here and has always lived in this community. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of this county. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Ava (Bellmore) Franklin, whose marriage occurred in 1864. The father, who was a veteran of the Mexican war, was born in New Hampshire in 1826, and he died in Clear Creek township March 26, 1890; the mother is a native of Indiana, born May 7, 1846, and she is still living at Mingo, this county, having come to this locality with her parents when she was five years of age. She is the daughter of Stephen and Jane Bellmore, old settlers in Clear Creek township. Benjamin Franklin came to Clear Creek township in 1850, and at one time owned about twelve hundred acres of land between Indian and Clear Creeks.

There were eleven children in the Franklin family, nine of whom are living, namely: John, of Des Moines, born April 1, 1865; Mrs. Fannie Etna Kending, born October 28, 1867, died November 23, 1909; Mrs. Lilly Belle Couch, born March 4, 1870, is living in South Dakota; Rosa Lee, born March 24, 1872, died in infancy; Dock Benjamin, born February 24, 1874, lives in Clear Creek township, this county; James E., born May 6, 1876, lives in Mingo; Mrs. Waty Jane Young, born August 10, 1878, lives in Clear

Creek township; Andrew Jackson, born April 2, 1881, lives in Mingo; Lydia Lura, wife of Mr. Densmore of this sketch, was born August 7, 1883; William W., born February 8, 1888, lives at St. Baird, New Mexico, being a soldier in the United States army; Guy Wesley, born April 4, 1889, lives in Des Moines. These children were all born in Clear Creek township. Mrs. Ava Franklin has twenty-three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren living and eight grandchildren have passed away.

To Mr. and Mrs. Densmore one son has been born, Otto Thomas, September 17, 1893, and one daughter, Lucy Leonora, August 8, 1905. Both are attending school at Mingo.

Politically, Mr. Densmore is a Republican, and he affiliates with the Christian church. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, lodge No. 194, at Washougal, Washington. He is a member of Mingo Camp, No. 1180, Modern Woodmen of America, of Mingo, also of the National Travelers Benefit Association. Mr. Densmore belongs to Yeoman lodge, No. 350, of Mingo. They are supporters of every beneficial public enterprise.

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#### GEORGE LANE.

In observing the things about us as we go through life, we find much of interest, even in our immediate environment, but there is little that interests one more than to observe how different men begin and continue the duties of life. Some commence in hesitation and seem to hesitate at every obstacle they encounter. Others begin boldly, but after a time show by some defect in execution, that they have not properly mastered their tasks. Still others commence with steady grasp of the situation, and show by their subsequent accomplishments that they have compassed the problem of life; to the last class success always comes and they are the men to leave behind them good names and their descendants are left to reap the harvests of good actions.

One of the enterprising and deserving men of the locality of which this history treats is George Lane, well known in railroad circles as division foreman of the bridge department of the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company, with headquarters at Marshalltown.

Mr. Lane was born in Baxter, Jasper county, Iowa, on February 5, 1878. He is the son of Reuben M. and Alice (Logsdon) Lane, the father born in Muskingum county, Ohio, December 5, 1845, and the mother in Jasper county, Iowa, on July 6, 1852. In 1856 the father moved to Jasper county

with an uncle and here grew to manhood, locating near Newton. Both the father and the grandfather of Reuben M. Lane were soldiers in the war of 1812. The subject's maternal grandparents, Thomas and Martha (Dawson) Logsdon, were natives of Kentucky, where they grew up and were married, emigrating to Jasper county, Iowa, in pioneer times, 1850, and here became very comfortably established.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reuben M. Lane six children have been born, namely: Mrs. Stella Logsdon, of Colfax, and Leslie, of Minnesota, were twins, and were born on August 24, 1876, in Madison county; George, of this sketch; Harvey, born May 31, 1881, in Jasper county, is living near Melbourne, Marshall county; Laura, born February 12, 1886, in Jasper county, lives with her parents in Baxter; Walter Guy Lane was born at Baxter, Iowa, February 15, 1893. Their parents are still living in a comfortable home in Baxter and enjoy the friendship of a wide acquaintance.

George Lane grew to manhood in this county and he attended school in his native community. After leaving school he was employed by the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company as bridgeman, and he has remained with the company ever since, having given the utmost satisfaction, as will be seen from the fact that they have entrusted him with the highest position in the bridge department, that of division foreman, with headquarters at Marshalltown. He understands thoroughly every detail of his work in this connection and is a conscientious, trustworthy employe.

Mr. Lane has a pleasant home at No. 202½ South Second avenue, Marshalltown. He is a member of Baxter Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, Baxter, Iowa.

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#### ABNER B. CAMPBELL.

We should indeed be proud of the fact that there is no limit in this country to which natural ability, industry and honesty may not aspire. One born in the most unpromising surroundings and reared in the most adverse environment may, nevertheless, break from his fetters and rise to the highest station in the country, and the qualities do not have to be of transcendant character to enable him to accomplish this result. It is more the way he does it and his skill in grasping the opportunities presented than to any remarkable qualities possessed by him. Accordingly it is found that very often in this country the leaders in political, business, professional and other lines of endeavor often possess no greater ability than thousands of others. They

have simply taken better advantage of their opportunities than their fellows. And this truth runs through every occupation. The farmer who rises above his fellow tillers of the soil does so merely because he takes advantage of conditions which they overlook.

One of the successful agriculturists of Jasper county is Abner B. Campbell, of Independence township. He was born on the place and in the house where he now resides on June 27, 1864, and here he grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools of his district. He has always followed farming, his fine farm of two hundred acres being under a high state of improvement and cultivation. In connection with general farming he makes a specialty of raising full-blood Duroe-Jersey hogs. He keeps the old homestead in ship shape in every respect.

The subject's parents, Allen D. and Nancy (Tramel) Campbell, were among the early settlers in Jasper county, having located in Independence township in 1852. The father was born in Ohio on February 23, 1827, and the mother in Indiana, September 17, 1830. They grew up and were married in the East, and they spent the last years of their lives in this county, the father's death occurring on August 25, 1890, his wife having preceding him to the grave on March 25, 1886. They became well established here through hard work and economy, developing a splendid farm from the wild prairie.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Campbell, named as follows: Cynthia Caroline, born August 5, 1851, died September 13, 1882; Francis William, born May 18, 1855, died April 26, 1856; James Alexander, born May 29, 1857, lives in Maning, Iowa; Mary Alice, born February 10, 1860, died December 16, 1889; Abner Beecher, of this sketch; Mrs. Iva Cora Rimbbaugh, born June 23, 1870, lives in Independence township. These children were reared on the home place in this township, and they were educated in the local schools.

Abner B. Campbell, of this review, was married on October 28, 1906, to Anna Henning, who was born in Independence township, this county, on May 9, 1882, and she was educated in the local schools, having always lived in this community. She is the daughter of John George and Eva Barbara (Musig) Henning, both born in Germany, the father on November 20, 1848, and the mother on October 3, 1847. There they spent their earlier years, emigrating to the United States when young, and became residents of Independence township, Jasper county, Iowa, and here the father spent his remaining days, dying on May 30, 1905; the mother is living in this township.

There were five daughters and one son in the Henning family, namely: Maggie, born March 9, 1877, lives in Independence township; Katie, born

June 28, 1881, also lives in this township; Anna, wife of Mr. Campbell, of this review; Mrs. Lizzie Matthews, born November 15, 1884, is living in Des Moines, Iowa; Rosa, born January 26, 1887, is living at the homestead in Independence township; the son died at the age of four months. The above named daughters were born and reared in this township and educated in the home schools.

Politically, Mr. Campbell is a Republican, and he and his wife belong to the Christian church at Ira. They take a deep interest in local affairs, and keep well advised on the current topics of the times, being extensive readers.

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#### ROBERT MILLER.

The Miller family have been one of the best known in Jasper county since the pioneer days and the several members of the same have so ordered their lives that they have been of much benefit to the locality in general. A very creditable representative of the present generation is Robert Miller, a man of whose record nothing but words of praise could be uttered, for he has always sought to do his duty in all the relations of life. He was born in Clear Creek township, this county, June 15, 1861, and here he grew to manhood, received his educational training and has always been identified with the agricultural life of the same. His grandfather, Joseph Kintz, was one of the earliest settlers of Jasper county, being the first settler of Clear Creek township. The father of our subject, Robert Miller, was born in Alabama. Not being in good health when the Civil war came up, he did not enlist, but later he was drafted into the service. He was compelled to make a long and arduous march from Grinnell, Iowa, to Savannah, Georgia, and he died soon after reaching that place. His family and friends felt that an injustice had been done in thus pressing him into the service when he was not able-bodied, the privations and hardships of the march having caused his death. The mother of the subject was known in her maidenhood as Rebecca Kintz. She was born in Summit county, Ohio, December 20, 1837, and there she spent her girlhood, coming to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1845, thus being among the first settlers. She is still living, making her home with the subject of this sketch on the old homestead, being now advanced in years. She vividly recalls pioneer conditions and incidents of the trip from Ohio to this township, relating how they made the long journey over rough roads, crossing but one railroad on the entire trip, that one being

in Indiana. They saw no white people, Indians still being numerous in the Middle West then. The family were on excellent terms with all the Indian chiefs, and Mrs. Miller tells much of the famous chief, John Green, who was a welcomed visitor to all the cabins in the settlement.

There were six children in the Miller family, two of whom died in infancy, the others live in the immediate vicinity of the old home and are as follows: Commodore Perry, Mrs. Phoebe Long, Mrs. Mary Sumpter and Robert, of this sketch; they all live in Clear Creek township with the exception of Mary whose home is in Independence township. They were born, reared and educated in the home community.

Politically, Mr. Miller is a Democrat. He has devoted his life to farming and there are one hundred and eighty acres in the old home place where he resides. In addition to cultivating that, the subject owns and directs a threshing machine, a lumber mill and corn shredder. He believes in using the most modern and improved labor-saving machinery and devices and is an up-to-date farmer. He has remained unmarried.

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#### CHARLES H. CONNELLY.

No longer than a half century ago the farmer of Jasper county was almost wholly independent of every other business. He raised practically all his food on his farm; his mother, wife or daughter made the greater part of his clothing and required very few things from outside sources. Even his boots and shoes were made at his own home from his own leather, sometimes by himself and sometimes by traveling shoemakers. The first settlers here were far from any large trading center and he had little time to spend on long journeys, the work required in developing his farm from the raw prairies being not only irksome but tedious, requiring close application. As time progressed, however, he was obliged to relinquish much of his labor to other artisans under a division of labor and a closer union of the various industries. Now his shoes are made at one factory, his shirt at another, his hat at another, his coat at another, and so on through his list of all he wears and even to a portion of what he eats. This is true in reference also to his farming implements, many of which were home-made. It is a fact in almost all communities today that the farmers, many of them, sell their hogs and buy their bacon, sell their cattle and buy their beef, sell their wheat and buy their flour, etc. Thus, while the farmer is not so independent, he has greater advantages. Such conditions,

to some extent, at least were familiar to Charles H. Connelly, now one of the leading farmers of Independence township, and they were not at all uncommon to his father, who was one of our early pioneers. He was born in Clyde, Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, on May 6, 1860, and with the exception of a few months he has always resided in this county, having been reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. Twenty-two years ago he moved to Independence township, where he has resided continuously to the present day, his life having been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and at present he is holding the responsible position of county bridge foreman, being employed by the board of supervisors, having charge of the bridge repairing and building of the northern district, and he is performing these important duties in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of the board and to all concerned.

Mr. Connelly is the son of H. C. and Mary C. (Kline) Connelly, the father born in Fulton county, Illinois, and he was fourteen or fifteen years old when he came to Marshall county, Iowa, later coming to Jasper county. His death occurred in Independence township, on October 9, 1902. His wife was born near Hagerstown, Maryland and was a small girl when she accompanied her parents to Iowa, the family locating in Clear Creek township. Her death occurred in Independence township, this county, on January 24, 1904. The father of the subject proved his loyalty to the Union during the Civil war by enlisting from Marshall county, in Company K, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in August, 1862, and he served with credit to himself and satisfaction of his officers, serving until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Connelly, all in Clear Creek township; Cynthia, the eldest, died in infancy; Charles H., of this sketch; Mrs. Mary E. Perrin, of Independence township; W. W., of Des Moines; Mrs. Hattie A. Logan, of Colfax, Iowa; F. D., who resides in Independence township; Cyrus A., of Des Moines; Rollie A., of Independence township; Jessie B. died when four years of age; Curtis M., of Independence township; James died in infancy.

Charles H. Connelly was married on April 4, 1895, to Emma J. Adamson, who was born at Adams Grove, south of Newton, April 20, 1865, and there she grew to womanhood, was educated and has resided in this locality all her life. Her parents, Henry and Mary J. (Baker) Adamson, were a well known and influential pioneer family here, the father having been born in Tennessee and he died in Jasper county, Iowa, November 24; the mother was

born in Indiana and she died in Independence township, this county, June 24, 1896.

To Mr. and Mrs. Connelly one son has been born, Alden M., born January 9, 1896, who is now a student in the Baxter high school, and he is a lad of much promise.

Politically, Mr. Connelly is a Republican and while he has never been especially active in public affairs, he has ever taken a good citizen's interest in the affairs of his county, always supporting such measures as made for the upbuilding of the locality honored by his residence. He owns a substantial, cozy and well furnished home in Baxter. He has been very successful in his life work and has accumulated a competency. Although his primary schooling was not what he desired or should have obtained, he has, by actual contact with the world and by close study in a miscellaneous way at home, become well advised and is a man whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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#### GEORGE W. LOAR.

Among the strong and influential citizens of Jasper county the record of whose lives have become an essential part of the history of this section, the gentleman whose name appears above occupies a prominent place and for years has exerted a beneficial influence in the community where he resides. For many years Doctor Loar was a leading physician, later a successful druggist, and now in his declining years he is living practically retired from the active duties of life, merely looking after his fine farming interests. His career has been fraught with good to those who have come into contact with him, for his example has ever been salutary and his bearing in society that of a man of proper ideals and a wholesome nature.

Dr. George W. Loar, living near Baxter, Jasper county, like many of the worthy pioneer citizens of the section of which this history treats, is a native of the old Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Greene county, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1845, and he is the son of Jacob and Maria (Nelson) Loar, both natives of Maryland where they spent their early lives. The elder Loar devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and when a young man he came to Pennsylvania and settled on a farm which was heavily timbered. He was not a man to shrink from hard work or obstacles, so in due course of time he had a good home and a well improved, productive farm there on which he spent the rest of his life, dying at the age of seventy-one years. He became well known in his vicinity and took an active part in the upbuilding of the same.

An evidence of the confidence his neighbors reposed in his ability and integrity is shown by the fact that he held the position of justice of the peace for a period of twenty years. His wife died when forty-five years of age. Subsequently Jacob Loar was united in marriage with Sarah Applegate, a widow. John Loar, the paternal grandfather of the subject, was also a man of influence in his community and his wife had a local reputation as a midwife.

There were ten children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Loar, George W., of this review, being the fifth in order of birth. The others are: John, a farmer in Ohio; Nelson, a physician of Bloomington, Illinois, where he has practiced forty years; Mrs. Margaret Allen, deceased; James, who spent his life on a farm, is deceased; Mrs. Henter Cribben was killed by a gas explosion; her son, Harvey Cribben, is deputy clerk of Jasper county, and formerly he was deputy auditor; Mrs. Ann Burns, who lived in Pennsylvania, is deceased; Mrs. Katharine Templeton, who also spent her life in that state, is deceased. By the second marriage there were two children in Jacob Loar's family: William C., a physician at Beloit, Wisconsin; he was formerly a lecturer in a Chicago medical school; Ora died when fifteen years old.

George W. Loar, of this review, grew up on the home farm in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and there became acquainted with hard work in the field when but a boy, and this training was not without its beneficial consequences. During the winter months he attended the common schools there. Being ambitious to secure a higher education and actuated by a laudable ambition to enter the medical profession, he took a course in Westmoreland College, at Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, then entered the Physio-Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1869, after a satisfactory three years' course. Soon afterwards he began the practice of his profession at Fairbury, Illinois, with his brother, Nelson, this partnership lasting a year and a half. In November, 1869, he came to Hixon Grove, southeast of Newton, Jasper county, Iowa. He had but fifty cents when he reached there, but he soon had a good start. Seeking a wider field for his operations, he moved to Newton in 1871, where he continued successfully in the practice until 1873, when he moved to the town of Monroe, where there existed a good opening. Just as he was becoming one of the leading medical men of this locality misfortune overtook him, he having been thrown from a horse and his hip injured, which continued to trouble him, so he was forced to give up the active practice of medicine in 1875, and he then launched out in the drug business in Monroe, which he continued for a period of twenty-five years, enjoying a liberal patronage, retiring in 1903, when he traded his business for a farm of one hundred and ten acres of valuable land in Henry county, Missouri, which

he still owns. He also owns a well improved and very productive farm near Monroe in this county. He helped to organize the State Savings Bank of Monroe, and is a director in the same. He has been very successful in a business way, and is one of the substantial men of this part of the county.

Doctor Loar was married in 1870 to Sarah Fenner, who was born March 3, 1846, in Highland county, Ohio, the daughter of Adam and Susanna Fenner. Her family came to Iowa in the sixties and settled at Murphy. Their seven children are all deceased, including the Doctor's wife, who passed away many years ago.

Seven children were born to Doctor Loar and wife, namely: Martin D. died in infancy; Effie died in infancy; Myrtle was born December 25, 1873, married John Vandermast, son of the editor of the *Monroe Mirror*, and they live on a farm in Fairview township; Gertrude, born August 30, 1875, married Fred W. Shaw, of Monroe, formerly in the drug business there; Harry, born in 1877, conducts a grocery store at DeSoto; Robert N., born October 13, 1881, died on April 6, 1911; Maybel married Virgil Hummel.

Doctor Loar married, on September 2, 1903, Emma Ruth, daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Funk) Ruth, the father born in Maryland about the year 1808, and the mother in Pennsylvania, on July 25, 1824. The father, who was a farmer, came to Iowa in May, 1855, and retired many years ago, dying in January, 1896. The mother's death occurred in March, 1911. Mrs. Loar is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church, and both the Doctor and Mrs. Loar are prominent socially in Monroe.

Fraternally, the Doctor is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Fairview Lodge No. 194, also of the chapter. He is a member of the Baptist church at Monroe. Politically, he is a Democrat, and while he takes the interest of a good citizen in political and public affairs, he is not ambitious to be a leader in these matters.

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#### FREDERICK S. FELDSCHNEIDER.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch has long enjoyed prestige as a leading citizen of the community where he resides. This is the result of genuine merit and ability, but is not to be wondered at when we learn that in his veins flows the blood of a long line of sterling Prussian ancestors, and many of their praiseworthy attributes seem to have outcropped in him, so

that the courage he has displayed in the battle of life has won him definite rewards.

Mr. Feldschneider was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, June 18, 1854. He is the son of Frederick and Rekka (Houseman) Feldschneider, both born in Prussia, now a part of Germany, the father's birth occurring on August 11, 1828, and there they grew up and married. The father learned the trade of stone mason, which he followed with success. In 1849, soon after he was married, he emigrated to America on an old-fashioned sailing vessel, the voyage requiring forty-five days. They landed at New Orleans and later came up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, in which city they spent three and one-half years, then went to Freeport, Illinois, where they lived until 1866, working at his trade. Then he and his family loaded their household effects in two covered wagons and drove through to Jasper county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres in Mariposa township. Here they prospered by hard work and they added to their original purchase until the home farm consisted of an entire section of good land. This the father operated successfully and accumulated a competency and lived here the balance of his days, dying on April 2, 1899. He was well known and influential in his community. He served in several local offices, such as township trustee, school director, and he took an active part in the affairs of the Democratic party. He and his wife belonged to the German Evangelical church. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters, namely: Mrs. Louisa Lorenzen, deceased; Frederick S., of this review; Mrs. Mary Heinke; Henry, deceased; Mrs. Rekka Reichter, deceased.

Frederick S. Feldschneider grew up on the farm and was educated in a German school in Illinois and district No. 4, in Mariposa township, Jasper county, Iowa. He remained at home and worked for his father until he was thirty-one years old, then rented land of his father for twelve years. He inherited one hundred and twenty acres of the old home place, and to this he has added eighty acres, and the two-hundred acre farm which he is now successfully operating is one of the best in the vicinity. He has placed it under excellent improvements and keeps it well cultivated. He built a substantial and attractive dwelling in 1900 and he has good outbuildings. In connection with general farming he makes a specialty of raising Light Brahma chickens, and he raises various kinds of good live stock. He is now serving as township trustee and as school director in his district. Politically, he is a Democrat and he attends the German Evangelical church, assisting liberally in its support.

On December 16, 1885, Mr. Feldschneider was united in marriage with Sophia Klein, who was born in Freeport, Illinois, on May 18, 1850, and her

death occurred on March 17, 1908. She was the daughter of Friedman and Louisa (Khoete) Klein, both natives of Germany. To the subject and wife the following children were born: Clara, John (deceased), Grace and Freda.

The subject is interested in the People's Savings Bank of Laurel, also in the Farmers' Elevator at that place. He is regarded as one of the progressive business men and citizens of his township. The subject's nephews, Frederick and William Feldschneider, sons of his brother Henry, who is now deceased, make their home with him, our subject having reared them from babyhood.

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#### JOHN KOOISTRA.

Jasper county, Iowa, can boast of no better class of citizens than those who have emigrated there from Holland. Thrifty, industrious and honest, they are fast forging to the front. The subject of this sketch is a fine example of this, the success he has achieved being proof of his energy, good judgment and management.

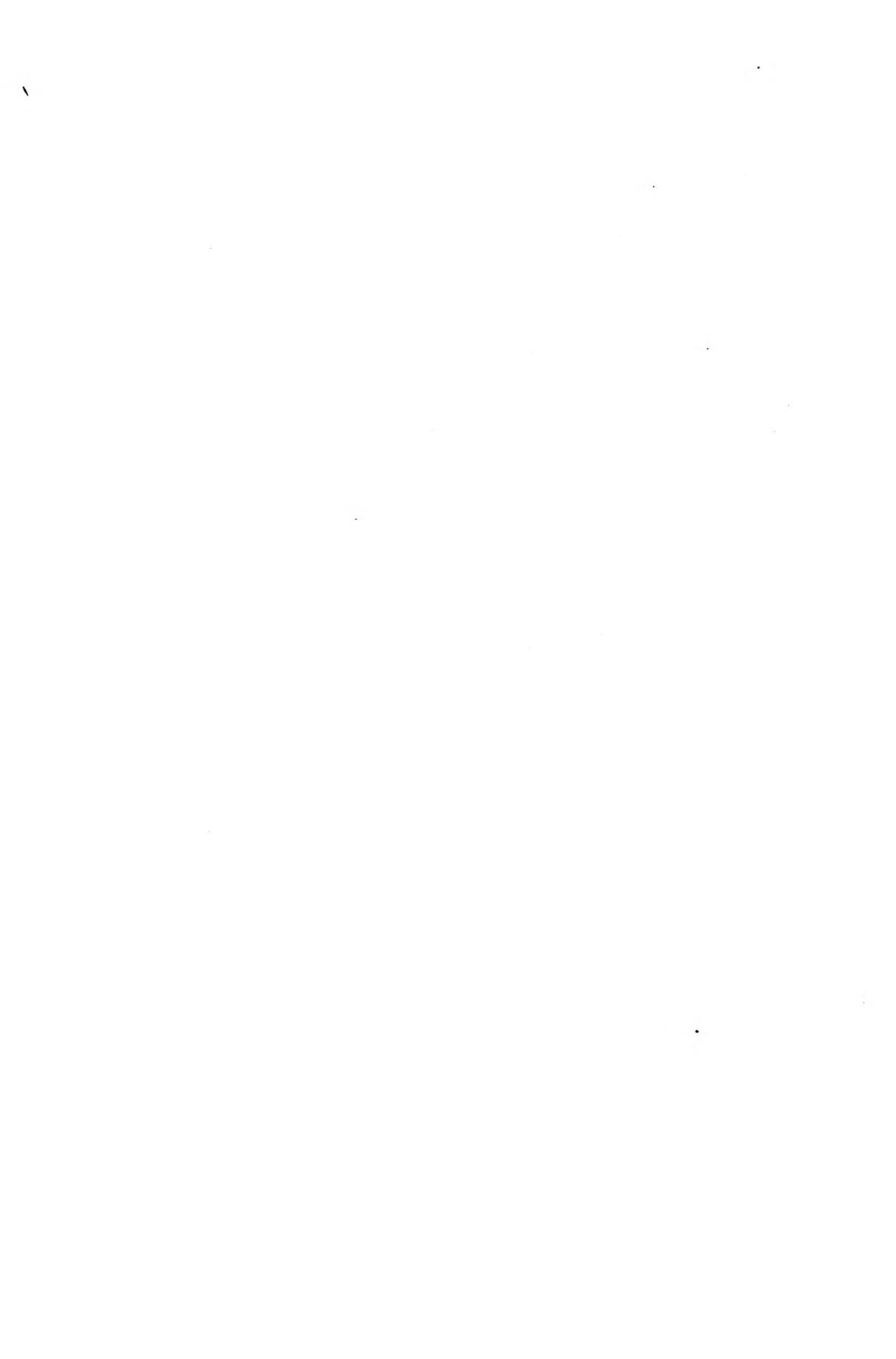
Born in Holland on October 20, 1874, John Kooistra came to the United States with his parents, William and Bankje Kooistra, about the year 1889, when he was about fifteen years of age, coming across the water on the ship "Rotterdam." There were four children in this family besides the subject of this sketch, namely: Kate, living near Sully, Iowa, the wife of Frank Ellscott; Richard, also living near Sully; Herman, living on a farm near Sully, this state, and Dora, the youngest daughter, who lives at home.

Soon after landing in this country the family came to Sully, Iowa, and settled on a farm near the latter place, the father buying two hundred and thirty-four acres; this land he farmed with the assistance of his sons until his death, which occurred about three years ago, when he was about sixty-one years of age. The mother still lives at Sully, Iowa, and is now fifty-four years of age.

When John Kooistra was twenty-two years old he began working for himself. He worked as a farm hand for a while, afterwards renting land, which he farmed, and by energy and industry he now is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Buena Vista township. On March 12, 1900, he was united in marriage with Minnie Brand, daughter of Jacob and Jane Brand, both natives of Holland, the father coming to the United States with his parents when a child of seven. They settled on a farm in Wisconsin, where they carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. The

mother was only a baby of two years when her parents emigrated to this country. Minnie Brand was born January 13, 1874, at Pella, Iowa, and was one of a family of eleven children, namely: Henry, Frank, John, Jacob, Ira, Charles, and Katie, who married Richard Kooistra, a brother of the subject of this sketch, and all live near Sully, Iowa; Eva married Will Rykhouk and lives near Taintor, Iowa; Mary and William are living at home with their parents, near Sully, this state.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kooistra have been born six children: Walter John, born October 29, 1902; Janette Marie, born January 21, 1904; Elmer Leroy, born October 31, 1905; Harold Raymond, born February 13, 1907; Lester Charles, born March 31, 1909; and Thelma Delene, born October 2, 1911.





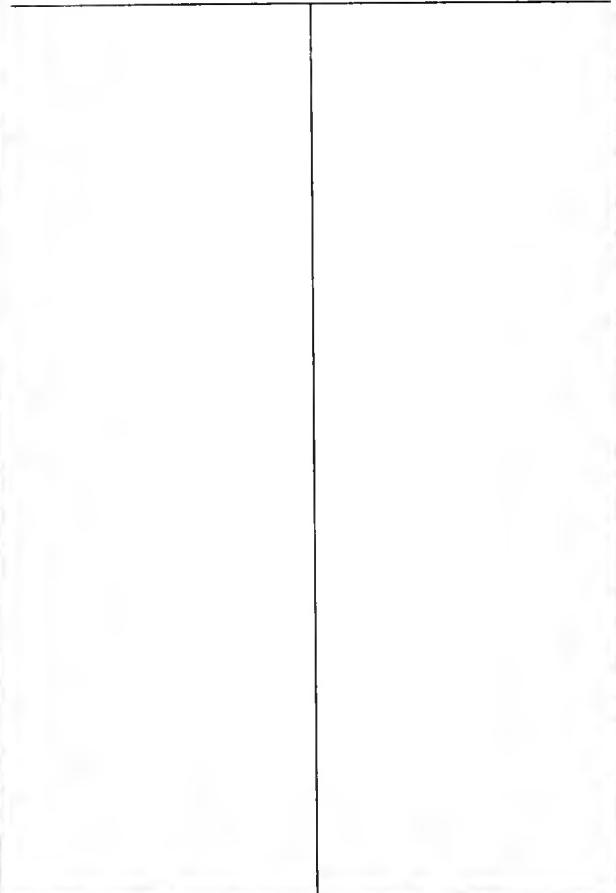




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